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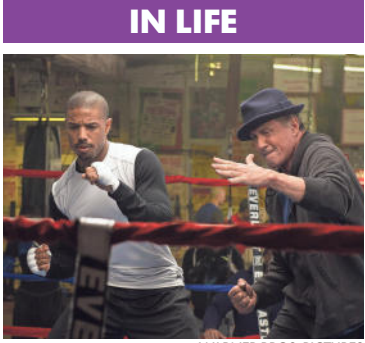
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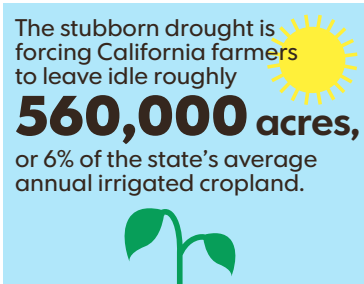


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Fallow fields
The stubborn drought is forcing California farmers to leave idle roughly **560,000 acres**, or 6% of the state's average annual irrigated cropland.



Source UC-Davis Center for Watershed Sciences
TERRY BYRNE AND JANET LOEHHRKE, USA TODAY

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U.S. IN WORLD CUP FINAL



JEAN-YVES AHERN, USA TODAY SPORTS

USA forward Kelley O'Hara is carried after her goal in the second half against Germany in the semifinals of the Women's World Cup in Montreal Tuesday. Story, **1C**.

5 WAYS Puerto Rico's debt crisis echoes Detroit

IN MONEY

Greece crisis deepens
Despite an eleventh-hour plea from Greece to secure a new bailout deal, European finance ministers ended the day without offering a debt extension.

TOURISM

For the most part, crisis has not hurt vacationers.

DELA MAIDE

Greece was a test for Merkel, and she failed.



Nathan Bomey
USA TODAY

The root causes of Puerto Rico's debt crisis bear a striking resemblance to the financial collapse of Detroit, which filed for bankruptcy in 2013 to escape a crushing debt load amid a severely diminished tax base.

But there's one big difference between Puerto Rico and Detroit, aside from the obvious fact that one is a commonwealth and one is a city: Puerto Rico can't legally file for bankruptcy.


At least not yet.

The drumbeat for bankruptcy in Puerto Rico gained momentum Tuesday as investors and politicians grappled with the U.S. territory's downward spiral into insolvency and witness Greece's descent into financial anarchy amid a sovereign debt crisis.

Puerto Rico has racked up some \$72 billion in bond debt and more than \$50 billion in retiree promises, including pensions and health care, as population has fallen and politicians issued debt to pay the bills. One of the island's municipal entities may default on certain bonds as soon as Wednesday, analysts said.

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NEWS ANALYSIS



ANDREW GOMBERT, EUROPEAN PRESSPHOTO AGENCY

Chris Christie announces he is running.

Christie, rivals vs. Washington

Susan Page | USA TODAY

In some ways, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie isn't a good fit with today's GOP — a Northeasterner in a party that's grounded in the South and a relative moderate in one that's dominated by conservatives.

But his blunt, bash-Washington message? That fits just fine.

"Americans are filled with anxiety," Christie told a hometown crowd at his old high school in Livingston, N.J. "They're filled with anxiety because they look to Washington, D.C., and they see a government that not only doesn't work anymore but doesn't even talk to itself."

Tuesday, Christie became the 14th major contender for the Republican presidential nomination in 2016. Two more sitting governors, Scott Walker of Wisconsin and John Kasich of Ohio, are likely to join the race next month, swelling numbers that already have hit records.

What unites all of them is a message that Washington is broken, lacking principled leadership.

► STORY CONTINUES ON 7A

Susan Page and Erin Raftery
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON In the wake of the church shootings in Charleston, the nation is split on whether the Confederate flag is a racist symbol that should be removed from public spaces, a USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll finds.

Political leaders in South Carolina, Alabama and elsewhere have led efforts to take down the flag. But the survey finds no national consensus about that — the divide is 42%-42% on whether the flag is racist — and little hope that anything the government could do about guns would prevent mass shootings like the one that took nine lives at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

"There is almost a thread of thinking running through the poll that nothing can be done to make



any meaningful changes," says David Paleologos, director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center in Boston.

By 56%-40%, Americans say tighter gun-control laws wouldn't prevent more mass shootings. By 76%-18%, they say easier access to guns wouldn't prevent them. And by 78%-15%, they see little chance Congress will pass gun legislation in the foreseeable future. The poll of 1,000 adults, taken by landline and cellphone from Thursday through Monday, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

"It doesn't make any difference if you have strict gun control or don't have it," says Frank Ziebarth, 64, of Whitewater, Wis. "The bad guys are going to get hold of one."

Christine Thomas, 52, of Napa, Calif., disagrees. "Gun control laws need to be re-evaluated; they need to be enforced," she said in a follow-up interview. "I don't think it's a hopeless cause."

The debate seems to be done. By 52%-43%, those surveyed say they don't want gun control to be a significant subject in the 2016 presidential campaign. Few see any prospect of action by Congress on guns. Just 15% say the odds of gun laws being tightened are good or excellent. Nearly eight in 10 called them fair or poor.

The issues of gun violence and the Confederate flag have been thrown into sharp focus by the massacre of nine African-American worshippers at Bible study. The alleged shooter, 21-year-old Dylan Roof, posed in social media with Confederate flags.

VOICES

My daughter, 4, is a witness to history

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USA TODAY



CHICAGO If it wasn't for Justice Anthony Kennedy, I don't think my family would have made it to the end of my block this past weekend to watch my neighbors — and hundreds of thousands of their friends — celebrate history.

We moved last year to the heart of Boystown, the historically gay enclave on the city's North Side. In the 1970s and 1980s, droves of gays and lesbians gravitated to the area — ignoring the crime and gangs that plagued the neighborhood back then — and established a beach-head.

Those pioneers paved the way for people like my family — the heterosexual stroller set that University of British Columbia sociologist Amin Ghaziani noted in his 2014 book *There Goes the Gayborhood?* has contributed to the “de-gaying” or “straightening” of LGBT safe havens such as Boystown, San Francisco's Castro District and Seattle's Capitol Hill.

While ice cream shops and nail salons might outnumber the gay bars these days, my new neighborhood still hosts one of the biggest and most raucous Pride parades in the country.

The subsequent partying that goes along with the parade had become so problematic in recent years that parade organizers



NAM Y. HUH, AP

People smile, gesture and laugh during the annual Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday.

hired 90 off-duty police officers to provide extra security, and city officials have suggested that it may be time to move the parade downtown. The stroller set tends to stay away during Pride.

My wife and I had planned to take our 4-year-old daughter, Leila, to visit her grandparents in the suburbs to avoid the crowds and noise.

But after the high court's decision legalizing same-sex marriage came down Friday, we decided we should be at the end of our block, so our daughter could watch fellow Chicagoans celebrate a historic moment in our nation's history.

The “rainbow parade,” as Lei-

In the years ahead, we can offer the day as a touchstone to how (my daughter's) country evolved on a critical issue.

la called it, didn't need the imprint of a historic Supreme Court ruling to be special. She enjoyed the dancers on the floats, got a glimpse of the Stanley Cup as it made its way down Halsted Street and was thrilled when a couple of friendly young women dusted her with glitter.

The parade, which has some raunchy elements, also spurred some questions that we would have rather avoided: What's that smell? (Answer: marijuana.) Why is that woman not wearing a shirt? (My wife's masterful deflection: Look over there at the balloons on that float!)

Despite the awkward moments, we're happy we went.

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But I wonder, how mind-boggling will it sound to a teenage version of our daughter as we try to explain the shift in public sentiment during a 19-year period that started with the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and culminated with same-sex marriage becoming the law of the land last week with *Obergefell v. Hodges*?

Perhaps this period will seem as strange and unfamiliar to her as the reality does to me that just a decade before my birth, my marriage to my white wife would have been prohibited in some states.

Before the parade started, I ended up chatting with Chris Barnes, a 20-year-old spectator from Elgin, Ill. As excited as she was about the high court's decision, Barnes reminded me that the LGBT community still has plenty of battles ahead, including fights on housing and employment discrimination.

Still, Barnes, who identifies as gender-fluid, predicted that by the time my daughter's generation comes of age, much of the debate on same-sex marriage and LGBT issues writ large will seem passe.

“In the end, for most of us, it's about having work and a husband or wife or a partner,” Barnes said. “It's having kids, and having those kids do awesome things. It's pretty normal.”

It's hard to debate that.

Madhani is USA TODAY's Chicago-based correspondent

Deadline for nuke talks reset to July 7

Obama vows to ‘walk away’ if deal turns out to be a bad one

Oren Dorell
USA TODAY

U.S. and other world powers gave themselves seven more days to seal the deal with Iran on limiting its nuclear program as President Obama reiterated Tuesday he would walk away from a bad agreement.

U.S. and Iranian negotiators in Vienna agreed to extend the deadline from Tuesday night to July 7 as they remained far apart on key issues. Even if a deal can be reached by the new date, differences in the interpretation of the latest interim agreement show the obstacles of executing an accord.

The deadline was extended “to allow more time for negotiations to reach a long-term solution” on the Iran nuclear issue, State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said.

Along with the announcement to extend the talks, a senior Western official told USA TODAY that Iran has reduced its stockpile of low-enriched uranium to 7.6 tons in compliance with an agreement it signed in November 2013. The

official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly about the confidential report.

Iran's stockpile of the fuel, which can be used to fuel a reactor or processed further for weapons, had grown to 8 tons, according to the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The State Department said the stockpile's size could fluctuate as long as Iran was under the limit by Tuesday.

President Obama said he will sign an agreement with Iran only if he can be assured it will prevent Tehran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. “I will walk away from the negotiations if in fact it's a bad deal,” Obama said Tuesday at a news conference with Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff.

The five original United Nations Security Council nuclear members — the USA, Britain, France, Russia and China — plus Germany are in talks with Iran.

Earlier, Secretary of State John Kerry met with Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, who returned from consultations in Tehran. Kerry had few words about the meeting, saying only “we had a good conversation,” the Associated Press reported.

Zarif told reporters he has a mandate to sign a deal based on



ABEDIN TAHERKENAREH, EUROPEAN PRESSPHOTO AGENCY

An Iranian demonstrator holds a placard on Tuesday reading, “All the sanctions must be lifted after nuclear deal.”

what both sides accept, according to Iran's Tasnim News Agency. “Iranian officials have all noted that we are ready for rational and logical negotiations and give and take,” he said.

In response to concerns by Western officials that Iran has backtracked from a framework deal reached in Lausanne, Switzerland, on April 2, Zarif said “a solution will be possible” based on that accord.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Monday that Obama “has been very clear” that if “the Iranians refuse to agree ... to a final agreement that's consistent with the framework that was reached in April, then there won't be an agreement.”

The differences in the White House and Iranian interpretations of the Lausanne deal could be a sign of danger ahead even if a deal is reached.

IN BRIEF

DOZENS FEARED DEAD IN INDONESIA PLANE CRASH

More than 100 people are feared dead after a military plane plowed into a residential area in northern Indonesia on Tuesday.

“For the moment, we know there were 113 people (on board). It looks like there are no survivors,” Air Marshal Agus Supriatna told Metro TV in the Sumatra city of Medan, adding that some of the passengers were Air Force families.

The giant Hercules C-130 plane exploded into flames as it slammed into several homes and a hotel in Medan, Indonesia's third-largest city, media outlets reported.

Television footage seen by the Associated Press showed the mangled wreckage of the C-130, a crumpled burning car and a shattered building that local media said was recently built and contained a spa, shops and homes. It was unclear if anyone was in the buildings at the time.

The pilot told the control tower that the plane needed to turn back because of engine trouble, Supriatna told the AP.

— Jane Onyanga-Omara

FRENCH ROASTING



THOMAS OLIVA, AFP/GETTY IMAGES

People cool off in the fountains at André Citroën Park in Paris on Tuesday. France is bracing for a heat wave that could push temperatures above 100 degrees this week.

2 DEAD AFTER MAN SETS SELF ON FIRE ON JAPAN TRAIN

A 71-year-old man set himself on fire on a high-speed train in central Japan Tuesday, killing himself and one other person.

It was the deadliest incident in the 51-year history of Japan's famed “Shinkansen” bullet trains.

At least 26 other passengers were injured, including two seriously.

The train was traveling from Tokyo to Osaka, with about 1,000 passengers.

The man's motive was not clear.

The incident came a year and a day after a man set himself on fire near a train station in Tokyo to

protest Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's defense policies, but there was no indication that the two incidents were related.

— Kirk Spitzer

EMBATTLED VA WATCHDOG STEPPING DOWN

The embattled chief watchdog of the Department of Veterans Affairs announced Tuesday he is stepping down at the end of this week.

Deputy Inspector General Richard Griffin said he will retire after more than 43 years with the federal government.

The move comes one day after a group of VA whistle-blowers from medical facilities in more than a dozen states urged President Obama to fire Griffin, saying his office has gone after whistle-blowers rather than the problems they uncover, failed to cooperate with oversight and in some cases to conduct thorough investigations, in a “horrible pattern of whitewashing and deceit.”

Linda Halliday, assistant inspector general for audits and evaluations, will take over the office.

— Donovan Slack

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SUPREME COURT

JUSTICES WILL WEIGH IN ON UNION DUES

California case on fall docket poses threat to organized labor

Richard Wolf
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON The Supreme Court signaled Tuesday that it may be prepared to strike down laws forcing public employees to pay union dues, posing a major threat to organized labor. The justices agreed to hear a California case challenging the requirement that teachers contribute to unions, even if they don't join them or agree with their positions on issues. Two lower courts upheld that

arrangement, but the high court has been hostile to what are known as "agency shop" rules. In two prior cases, Justice Samuel Alito wrote majority opinions scaling back on the requirement. Under the high court's 1977 precedent, unions largely have been allowed to collect dues from all private or public employees they represent. Those who object don't have to contribute to political or lobbying activities, but they must chip in for the unions' efforts in fighting for better wages, benefits and working conditions. In the most recent case last year, the court ruled 5-4 along ideological lines that home-care workers in Illinois do not have to pay dues to public employee unions. The workers said the



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"No person ... may be compelled to subsidize speech by a third party that he or she does not wish to support."

Justice Samuel Alito, in majority opinion

unions lobbied the government, often on issues the workers oppose — thereby abridging their First Amendment rights. In his ruling, Alito said that except in rare circumstances "no person in this country may be compelled to subsidize speech by a third party that he or she does not wish to support." Though the court did not overrule its own precedent, advocates on both sides of the issue have said it was only a matter of time before another case came before them. The court likely will hear *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* in December. Terry Pell, president of the Center for Individual Rights, which brought the lawsuit, said the high court's agreement to

hear the case was "long overdue." "This case is about the right of individuals to decide for themselves whether to join and pay dues to an organization that purports to speak on their behalf," Pell said. "We are seeking the end of compulsory union dues across the nation on the basis of the free speech rights guaranteed by the First Amendment." Public employee unions reacted with alarm, but not surprise. "The Supreme Court is revisiting decisions that have made it possible for people to stick together for a voice at work and in their communities — decisions that have stood for more than 35 years," said a statement from five union leaders representing teachers and other government workers.

From the president to a prison, pope's stops set

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

► **4 p.m.:** Pope Francis arrives in Washington, D.C., at Joint Base Andrews

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

► **9:15 a.m.:** White House welcoming ceremony with President Obama
► **11:30 a.m.:** Midday prayer with U.S. bishops at Saint Matthew's Cathedral
► **4:15 p.m.:** Junipero Serra Canonization Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

► **9:20 a.m.:** Speech before a joint session of Congress
► **11:15 a.m.:** Visit to St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
► **4 p.m.:** Departure for New York from Joint Base Andrews
► **5 p.m.:** Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York
► **6:45 p.m.:** Evening prayer at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

► **8:30 a.m.:** United Nations General Assembly
► **11:30 a.m.:** Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
► **4 p.m.:** Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem
► **6 p.m.:** Madison Square Garden Mass

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

► **8:40 a.m.:** Departure for Philadelphia from John F. Kennedy International Airport
► **9:30 a.m.:** Arrival at Atlantic Aviation in Philadelphia
► **10:30 a.m.:** Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Saints. Peter and Paul
► **4:45 p.m.:** Visit to Independence Mall
► **7:30 p.m.:** Visit to Festival of Families at Benjamin Franklin Parkway and Prayer Vigil with World Meeting of Families

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

Mass with World Meeting of Families
► **9:15 a.m.:** Papal meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
► **11 a.m.:** Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
► **4 p.m.:** Mass with World Meeting of Families
► **7 p.m.:** Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families at Atlantic Aviation
► **8 p.m.:** Departure for Rome



OSSERVATORE ROMANO PRESS OFFICE VIA EUROPEAN PRESSPHOTO AGENCY

Pope Francis hugs Argentine biophysicist, rabbi and book author Abraham Skorka on Tuesday.

Pontiff will tour Catholic, historic sites in Philadelphia, Washington and New York

Yamiche Alcindor
USA TODAY

Pope Francis' September visit to the U.S. will include stops at the White House, a school in Harlem and a Philadelphia prison, according to an itinerary released Tuesday by the Vatican. The Argentine pontiff, who became pope in 2013 and as a Jesuit has forged a mission of helping those in poverty, flies into Washington, D.C., on Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. He plans to visit several important Catholic sites in Washington, New York City and Philadelphia. He'll say prayers and Mass while

in town. He heads to Rome on Sept. 27. In Washington, President Obama will welcome Pope Francis at a White House ceremony. Later, the pope will give a speech before a joint session of Congress. The pope will continue his U.S. visit in New York with a stop at the United Nations General Assembly, then a multi-religious service at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. He'll also visit Our Lady Queen of Angels School in Harlem and say Mass at Madison Square Garden. The pontiff is scheduled to arrive in Philadelphia on Sept. 26 for the triennial World Meeting

of Families, a five-day international conference focusing on Catholic family life. There, he will say Mass at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and visit Independence Mall. About 1 million people are likely to attend an outdoor Mass said by the pope along Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway. He'll also visit Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility, a 24-hour intake center that processes about 30,000 male inmates each year.

Contributing: Jenna Pizzi and Shahrazad Encinias, The (Wilmington, Del.) News Journal

Study: Fireworks create toxic brew in air

Say, can you see that particulate matter? Long- or short-term exposure can harm you

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

The thousands of Fourth of July fireworks celebrations across the nation bring a toxic brew of air pollution to our atmosphere, according to a recent study by federal scientists. The exploding fireworks unleash tiny particles — about 1/30th the diameter of a human hair — that can travel deep into a person's respiratory tract, entering the lungs. The tiny particles are known as

"particulate matter" includes dust, dirt, soot, smoke and liquid droplets and are measured in micrometers, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. A micrometer is one-millionth of a meter. The fine particulate matter in this study — led by scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration — were 2.5 micrometers in size. Both long- and short-term exposures to fine particles are linked to a range of health effects — from coughing and shortness of breath to heart attack and stroke, according to the study in



MLADEN ANTONOV, AFP/GETTY IMAGES

the journal *Atmospheric Environment*. On average, the air is at its worst from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the holiday, the study found. But levels and pollution levels drop back down by noon July 5. "These results will help improve air-quality predictions, which currently don't account for fireworks as a source of air pollution," said NOAA scientist Dian Seidel, the study's lead author. "The study is also another wake-up call for those who may be particularly sensitive to the effects of fine particulate matter," she said.

Independence Day fireworks burst over the Washington Monument on July 4, 2013, in the nation's capital.

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STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA



ALABAMA Huntsville: Speculation surrounds the sighting of a bright streak of light across the Southeastern sky this week. NASA said the object, which traveled at 14,500 mph, was not the kind of meteor known as a fireball, *AL.com* reported.

ALASKA Fairbanks: Stephanie Crawford, a wildlife biology graduate student at the University of Alaska, and about 25 volunteers gathered at the Ester Fire House to build boxes for sled dogs displaced by the Sockeye Fire in Willow. “The Willow area is home to a lot of mushers ... and they were really hard hit. A lot of them lost homes and everything else they own, but all they cared about evacuating were their dogs,” Crawford told *newsminer.com*.

ARIZONA Phoenix: Families in 84 apartment units were displaced after a fire that started on the first floor of an apartment complex caused them to be uninhabitable, the *Republic* reported.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: Republican Gov. Hutchinson and officials from Vietnam’s Dong Nai province signed a memorandum of understanding on developing economic, trade and education opportunities between the regions, according to *ArkansasOnline*.

CALIFORNIA Los Angeles: About 800 lightning strikes sparked three dozen fires in the northern part of the state in less than 24 hours, the *Times* reported.

COLORADO Fort Collins: Concern over the cost of operating a long-sought “one-stop shop” for recycling here has put the facility on hold. Officials expect to wait until at least fall before deciding whether to build the proposed Community Recycling Center on a piece of city-owned land, the *Coloradoan* reported.

CONNECTICUT New London: A group of potential jurors have been dismissed because of a message someone wrote on the whiteboard in the room where they were waiting. *The Day of New London* reported the words “HANG EM’ HIGH! were discovered.

DELAWARE Wilmington: The Delaware Art Museum has sold two more paintings, Andrew Wyeth’s *Arthur Cleveland* and Winslow Homer’s *Milking Time* to retire its construction debt and replenish its cash, *The News Journal* reported.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: A Fourth of July concert looked doubtful after band leader Dave Grohl broke his leg, but the Foo Fighters confirmed an appearance at RFK Stadium in a tweet, *WUSA9* reported.

FLORIDA Escambia County: Commissioner Lumon May has become the subject of considerable backlash since video of a confrontational traffic stop involving him and a police officer became public last week, the *Pensacola News-Journal* reported. The video shows the commissioner yelling at a female Pensacola police officer to call her supervisor after she pulls him over.

GEORGIA Atlanta: Henry Lyles, 34, faced two counts of carjacking after allegedly stealing a funeral home transport van with a body inside, the *Journal-Constitution* reported.

HAWAII Honolulu: Hawaiian Electric Co. is proposing an increase to the minimum monthly bill for new rooftop solar owners on all islands, the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* reported.

IDAHO Moscow: Latah County officials passed an ordinance banning discrimination against a person because of the sexual orientation or gender identity, the *Moscow-Pullman Daily News* reported.

HIGHLIGHT: ARIZONA

Yarnell Hill Fire lawsuits settled

Yvonne Wingett Sanchez and Dennis Wagner
The Arizona Republic

PHOENIX Arizona will pay \$670,000 to the families of the 19 hotshots who died fighting the Yarnell Hill Fire and will implement wildland firefighting procedures to improve safety in a global settlement of litigation stemming from the 2013 fire.

Tuesday was the second anniversary of the blaze in which the Granite Mountain Hotshots perished.

Questions remain about what went wrong that day and who was responsible for the deaths of the firefighters. Tuesday’s settlement announcement means some questions might never be answered.

“I don’t know that we’re ever going to know every detail of that fateful day,” said attorney Pat McGroder, who represents 12 families of fire victims. But McGroder said assigning blame and collecting damages was not what family members sought.

“That’s not what this case is about,” McGroder said at a news conference announcing the settlement. “Our clients wanted transparency and change” as a legacy for their loved ones.

The settlement faces formal approval from a judge and state



FILE PHOTO BY DAVID KADLUBOWSKI, THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Nineteen Granite Mountain Hotshots died in the Yarnell Hill Fire, the deadliest wildfire in state history.

officials.

“Ultimately, this settlement doesn’t assign blame,” Attorney General Mark Brnovich said. “State agencies aren’t admitting any guilt or negligence.”

Brnovich said state officials and firefighter families hope the terms of the agreement will prevent future tragedies.

Roxanne Warneke, widow of hotshot Billy Warneke, said at the news conference that she and two other firefighter family members were donating their shares of the settlement entirely to the establishment of a

non-profit foundation “to advocate for wildland firefighter safety” and to help hotshots and their families.

“We’re not done,” McGroder said. “The families are committed to improve continually wildland fire protection. ... Instead of seeking massive compensation, the families opted to seek a resolution with a new pathway to change.”

The Yarnell Hill Fire was ignited by lightning on June 28, 2013. It burned about 8,400 acres, destroyed 127 structures and forced mass evacuations.

Wednesday, the *Daily Times* reported.

MASSACHUSETTS Worcester: A judge has declared a mistrial for a murder suspect who punched his lawyer in the face in open court, *The Telegram & Gazette* reported

MICHIGAN Highland Park: A 200- to 300-pound male pig was rescued from a basement here, the second hog extrication in the area in less than a week, the *Detroit Free Press* reported.

MINNESOTA Fergus Falls: A state trooper has been cited for speeding based on a report that said he was driving 94 mph in a 55 mph zone in April, according to court documents.

MISSISSIPPI Jackson: The former director of finance at Jackson Public Schools has been indicted on charges of embezzlement, according to court records. David Setzer, who is no longer with the school district, was indicted on April 2. The offense reportedly occurred in August of 2014, according to the same records.

MISSOURI Springfield: A woman has been sentenced to two years in prison for embezzling more than \$336,000 from her employer and failing to pay taxes on the stolen money, *The Joplin Globe* reported.

MONTANA Great Falls: Charlene Warnick is getting divorced and giving away her 1.7-carat diamond ring to whoever can make the most compelling case for why they need it. She posted the offer on Facebook and instantly was flooded with messages humorous and heartbreaking. “I didn’t want to hawk it and I didn’t want it to sit in a drawer,” she told the *Great Falls Tribune*.

NEBRASKA Omaha: Funding has been pulled for adult day care for veterans here due to a \$2.5 billion shortfall in the Department of Veterans of Affairs’ health care budget, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported.



NEVADA Reno: With the Truckee River flowing at a trickle, water pumped from beneath the ground will prove critical to getting the area through a summer

PENNSYLVANIA Uniontown: A man who took a 300-mile cab ride across Pennsylvania to surprise his fiancée has been jailed because he couldn’t pay the \$749 fare, the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. Police say John Williams Jr., 35, took the taxi from Philadelphia to Uniontown with his children.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: The state will receive two grants from the U.S. Department of Labor totaling nearly \$2 million to better connect job seekers and employers, the *Providence Journal* reported.

SOUTH CAROLINA Clemson: Clemson University’s board of trustees approved a resolution calling for removal of the Confederate battle flag from the State-house grounds, *The Greenville News* reported.

SOUTH DAKOTA Hill City: The U.S. Forest Service estimates about 750 people have arrived for a counterculture gathering in the Black Hills, the *Rapid City Journal* reported. The Rainbow Family of Living Light gathering continues through July 7.

TENNESSEE Clarksville: A former resident filed what is believed to be the first paperwork in the state seeking a divorce from her same-sex partner, *The Leaf-Chronicle* reported. The couple married June 4, 2014, in Shelbyville, Ind., but before last week’s ruling that legalized same-sex marriage, they could not seek a divorce here.

TEXAS Wallisville: Officials at a park near Houston say swimming will not be allowed after a 13-year-old boy and his father were attacked by an alligator at a lake, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

UTAH Tooele: Seven separate fires in Tooele County can all be connected to a trailer that lost its tire on a highway, *KSL-TV* reported.

VERMONT Burlington: Enforcement of industrial mercury emissions are likely to remain in force, despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling Monday that blocks federal clean air regulations on coal- and oil-fired power plants, according to Vermont Law School Professor Patrick Parenteau.

VIRGINIA Richmond: Attorneys for Russell Brown, a Chesterfield County man charged with killing state police trooper Junius Walker, want a clinical psychologist to determine whether Brown was insane at the time of the slaying, the *Times-Dispatch* reported.

WASHINGTON Tacoma: The city will be able to replenish its supply of popular potting soil called TAGRO. The secret ingredient is human waste and a new supply came from the thousands who attended the U.S. Open, *KOMO-TV* reported.

WEST VIRGINIA Ripley: Black powder cartridge silhouette shooting is all about making a bang and listening for a clang. Shooters fire 19th-century rifles at distant steel targets, some of them so far away it takes a couple of seconds for the bullets to arrive and another second or so for the sound of a hit to echo back to the shooter. “It’s a really addictive game,” Bob Frame told *The Charleston Gazette*.

WISCONSIN Wausau: The man who died following a fight inside an apartment was identified as George Diver, 43, according to the *Wausau Daily Herald*.



WYOMING Cheyenne: More than 1,500 state-owned vehicles are getting GPS trackers in an effort to cut down on fuel costs. *The Wyoming Tribune Eagle* reported that the devices will cost about \$245,000 and be installed by the end of the summer.

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VIGILANCE THE WORD AS JULY 4TH NEARS

Police keeping an eye on landmarks, hotels, churches, theaters

Gregg Zoroya
USA TODAY

Federal and local authorities are stepping up security over the Fourth of July following a bulletin by the Department of Homeland Security and FBI regarding ongoing attack threats by the Islamic State and other home-grown extremists.

In Washington, D.C., where tens of thousands crowd the National Mall to watch one of the largest firework displays in the country, specially designated police patrols will keep an eye on potential targets such as landmarks, financial institutions, houses of worship, hotels and theaters, police said.

The bulletin issued to police departments by the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI is similar to those frequently

sent out in advance of major U.S. holidays as a precaution.

Additional plainclothes officers, radiation detection units, bomb-sniffing canines and surveillance aircraft will be deployed.

“The safety of residents and visitors to the city during this special event is always at the forefront of our planning and response efforts. Recent global events require a vigilant and proactive posture,” said Gwendolyn Crump, director of communications for the D.C. Metropolitan police.

Los Angeles police declined to provide details of additional security steps being taken, but a spokeswoman, officer Liliana Preciado, said the department is preparing for any threat. “We do have enough resources available and we will have enough officers out there,” Preciado said.

Being deployed: plainclothes officers, radiation detection units, bomb-sniffing canines and surveillance aircraft.

Boston police will also increase the number of officers on duty to provide security and crowd control, said officer Rachel McGuire, a department spokeswoman. City officials will hold a press conference Friday to elaborate on steps being taken.

There has been no specific, credible threat targeting Fourth of July celebrations, USA TODAY reported Sunday, but there have been repeated calls for violence



over the past year by the Islamic State.

Concerns were heightened over the weekend following a series of attacks Friday in Tunisia, France and Kuwait.

Earlier this year, Homeland Security enhanced airport screening and random searches of passengers and carry-on luggage on flights headed into the United States and added more security at federal facilities.

SUSAN WALSH, AP
Precautions are in effect following a Homeland Security alert regarding the Fourth of July weekend.

NATION



A destroyed piano is part of the charred remains of Briar Creek Road Baptist Church in Charlotte. Investigators ruled arson.

DAVIE HINSHAW THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, VIA AP

Black churches on ‘alert status’ after recent fires

Reverend seeks federal help, fearing ‘systematic attack’ against Southern congregations

Rick Jervis
USA TODAY

Fires at six predominantly black churches in Southern states the past two weeks — at least three of them attributed to arson — raise concerns about potential fallout from the recent South Carolina church shooting.

The fires have all taken place in the weeks since the attack June 17. A 21-year-old man with apparent white supremacist beliefs is accused of going on a shooting rampage inside the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., killing nine people.

The burned churches are in Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. Federal investigators are looking into some of the cases to determine whether they were hate crimes.

“This is a systematic attack against the black church,” said the Rev. Anthony Evans, president of the National Black Church Initiative, a coalition of 34,000 African-American churches. Evans said he’s had several conference calls with black church leaders across the USA about the fires. “We are on alert status.” He has reached out to the



TODD BENNETT, THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE, VIA AP

Pastor Bobby Jones stands outside the Glover Grove Baptist Church, which was burned in Warrenville, S.C., last month.

Department of Justice about the attacks.

The fact that the recent fires occurred so close together in the wake of the Charleston shooting could be cause for concern, said Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center. The fires may be retaliation for the backlash against the Confederate flag that followed the shootings, he said. After photos surfaced of suspect Dylann Roof wearing Confederate flag patches, retailers such as Walmart and Amazon suspended sales of the flag because of its

popularity with white supremacists. Four of the rebel flags were recently removed from the state Capitol grounds in Alabama, and South Carolina lawmakers will decide whether or not to do the same next month.

Websites popular with white supremacists, such as Stormfront.org, lit up with angry denunciations of the treatment of the Confederate flag, Potok said.

“The single most suspicious thing about these fires is that they came so close together and so hard on the heels of attacks on

the Confederate battle flag,” Potok said. “That is a revered symbol for the radical right.”

Some of the church fires were severe, such as the one last week at Briar Creek Road Baptist Church in Charlotte, which gutted an entire church wing. The FBI is investigating.

Others, such as the fire at College Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., were less damaging. Firefighters arrived at that church at around 10 p.m. June 21 to find a church van in flames in the parking lot and smoldering piles of hay and bags of soil near a side entrance, said Capt. D.J. Corcoran, a spokesman with the Knoxville Fire Department. There were no obvious signs pointing to a hate crime, and the property was mostly unhurt, he said. The incident remains under investigation.

Potok said he is waiting on results of the investigations before drawing connections between the fires and the Charleston shooting. There has been a history of church fires after major events.

Hours after Barack Obama was elected as the nation’s first black president in 2008, arsonists torched the predominantly black Macedonia Church of God in Christ in Springfield, Mass.

IMMIGRATION

‘Come out,’ celebs invite

Undocumented urged to share what they’ve done for USA

Alan Gomez
USA TODAY

Undocumented immigrants are going Hollywood.

In an effort to get more Americans to understand immigrants’ stories and push Washington to pass an immigration law, advocates kicked off a campaign Tuesday to get undocumented immigrants to “come out.”

Rather than conceal their identities and hide from law enforcement officials, those who came to the USA illegally are being asked to share their stories through videos on a website to help show what they do for the country.

The campaign is getting help from some heavy hitters in Hollywood.

“The biggest risk already happened when you crossed the border,” said Cesar Millan, who illegally entered from Mexico long before he became known as the “Dog Whisperer” on the National Geographic Channel. “You might not have any papers yet, but you’re already a member of this pack, you’re already a person who produces and helps the economy of America.”

Jose Antonio Vargas is an undocumented immigrant from the Philippines who rose to national prominence when he went public and ended up on the cover of *Time* magazine. Vargas is coordinating the campaign through a group he founded, Define American.

The site allows people to upload their own videos outing themselves, and a mapping tool will let people see others in their communities.



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Millan



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Vargas

DIPLOMACY IN LATIN AMERICA

Next step for U.S.-Cuba relations: Embassy openings

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON The United States and Cuba were set to announce an agreement Wednesday to open embassies in each other’s capitals, formally re-establishing diplomatic relations for the first time since 1961, senior administration officials said Tuesday.

President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry will an-

nounce the move Wednesday morning, said the three officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to allow the president to make the formal announcement.

Obama has made rapprochement with Cuba a key part of his second-term agenda, arguing that 55 years of freezing out the communist country has been counterproductive to establishing human rights on the Caribbean island nation.

With some initial help from Pope Francis, the U.S. and Cuba

A key sticking point has been freedom of movement for U.S. diplomats in Cuba.

have been negotiating the move for more than a year, going public with their diplomatic efforts last December. Obama and Cuban President Raúl Castro met personally in Panama in April.

Obama cleared the way for a normalization of relations a month ago when he removed Cuba from the state sponsors of terrorism list. But a key sticking point after three rounds of embassy talks through the spring has been freedom of movement for U.S. diplomats in Cuba.

The president hinted at progress Tuesday, as he hosted Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff at the White House.

“I very much appreciate President Rousseff and Brazil’s strong support for our new opening toward Cuba,” Obama said. “And I believe that Brazil’s leadership in the region ... can make it an important partner as we work to create more opportunities and prosperity for the Cuban people.”

Contributing: Alan Gomez in Miami

NEWS ANALYSIS

Candidates jostle for outsider credibility

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ership and flinching at the nation's toughest problems. The theme crosses the ideological spectrum, from Christie to the very conservative Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. Indeed, it unites actual outsiders (such as retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson) and former CEO Carly Fiorina) with those whose previous battles have been aimed at winning jobs in the aforementioned Washington (among them Sens. Marco Rubio and Rand Paul).

For Christie, that message — his campaign slogan is “Telling it like it is” — is a way to turn a negative into a positive. It means his abrupt manner doesn’t prove he’s a bully; it shows he’s a fighter. His strategists hope his take-no-prisoners style might appeal to voters frustrated with what they see as politics-as-usual from leaders in both parties.

Christie is hardly alone in his critique of the capital. Real-estate mogul Donald Trump declared at his campaign announcement that the country was being run by “losers.” In his new book, *A Time for Truth*, published Tuesday, Cruz titled a chapter about maneuverings by the Senate GOP leadership “Mendacity.”

“We are not going to clean up the mess in Washington by electing the people who either helped create it or have proven incapable of fixing it,” former Florida governor Jeb Bush said at his announcement address.

On that, former Texas governor Rick Perry agrees. “We’re



ANDREW GOMBERT, EUROPEAN PRESSPHOTO AGENCY

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie shakes hands in Livingston, N.J., on Tuesday.

“Both parties have failed our country. Both parties have stood in the corner and held their breath, waiting to get their way.”

Chris Christie

not going to fix Washington by electing a president who is from Washington, of Washington or for Washington,” he told a New Hampshire audience. “Change is only going to come from the outside, in my perspective, and so should the next president.”

Running as a Washington outsider isn’t exactly unprecedented. Indeed, it’s harder to find candidates who have run as Washington *insiders*.

In 2008, Hillary Clinton did portray herself as an experienced policymaker who would know what to do when, as one of

her campaign ads warned, the White House phone rang at 3 a.m. (Barack Obama won the Democratic nomination anyway.)

In 1980, George H.W. Bush boasted he had the longest résumé in the field — U.S. representative, United Nations ambassador, Republican national chairman, envoy to China. “A president we won’t have to train,” the campaign declared in brochures and ads. (Washington outsider Ronald Reagan beat him anyway.)

This time around, the attacks

on Washington as a dysfunctional place governed by hypocrites have taken on a fierce velocity, and the scorn often is heaped not only at the Democratic president but also at fellow Republicans who control the House and Senate.

“Both parties have failed our country,” Christie said. “Both parties have stood in the corner and held their breath, waiting to get their way.”

He vowed to address tough problems such as addressing the long-term stability of Social Security and Medicare.

Christie has a lot to overcome to win the nomination. One hurdle is the investigation into Bridgegate, the caper by former aides who orchestrated a traffic jam to punish a Democratic mayor who had refused to endorse Christie for re-election. Another is the state’s budget problems that have prompted credit downgrades.

What’s more, Christie’s conservative credentials came into question after his decisions to accept the Medicaid expansion offered through the Affordable Care Act and to drop the state’s appeal of a decision recognizing same-sex marriage.

In the RealClearPolitics average of public polls, Christie ranks ninth in the GOP field, a tick behind Trump and battling to remain in the top 10 who will participate in the first televised debate in August.

“I mean what I say, and I say what I mean,” he said, “and that’s what America needs right now.”

P.R. and Detroit: Parallels drawn

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Puerto Rico Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla has said that the island’s debts are “unpayable” in full and repeated his call for Congress to change U.S. laws to allow the commonwealth to weigh Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

Padilla hired the former U.S. bankruptcy judge who oversaw Detroit’s case, Steven Rhodes, to advise him on the commonwealth’s pursuit of Chapter 9 bankruptcy. Although representatives for Puerto Rico’s creditors and the government are negotiating potential settlements, Rhodes said it appears to be too difficult to bring all sides to the table without bankruptcy.

“There are too many creditors,” he said. “Like Detroit, Puerto Rico can’t print money. So Puerto Rico’s insolvency is as much the creditors’ problem as it is the commonwealth’s problem.”

Through a cascading series of empty promises to pensioners, bondholders and banks, Detroit once accumulated a remarkable 170,000 creditors, give or take a few thousand. Even sophisticated global financial institutions such as UBS and Bank of America had made big bets on Detroit and lost.

In Puerto Rico, it’s a similar tune. The commonwealth’s creditors are far and wide, including mom-and-pop retail investors, large mutual funds and hedge funds. The largest bond fund creditor is Oppenheimer Rochester Fund Municipals, which holds \$1.39 billion in Puerto Rican debt, according to Thomson Reuters’ Lipper data.

The White House has ruled out a bailout but signaled that Congress should consider legislation allowing the commonwealth’s debt-strapped public entities the chance to file for municipal bankruptcy.

The president’s support comes more than six months after Detroit emerged from bankruptcy, shedding \$7 billion of debt that helped free up cash for services such as police protection.

Whatever the outcome, here are five ways Puerto Rico’s debt crisis is similar to Detroit’s:

1 Puerto Rico can’t pay its bills in full.

Absent a miraculous economic surge, the commonwealth doesn’t have a prayer of paying its debts. The government is currently running a deficit of about 5%.

Moody’s analyst Emily Raimés, who tracks Puerto Rico, said in an interview that she foresees “a very high probability of default.”

Detroit could not afford to pay its \$18 billion in debts, following an implosion of its revenue base.

2 People are leaving.

Puerto Rico’s population loss is approaching 1%, which is 10 times worse than any U.S. state, according to a report released Monday by the Puerto Rican government. The island’s population fell by 212,000 residents to 3.6 million in 2013, according to the New York Fed.

That’s bad, but not as bad as Detroit, whose population has fallen from nearly 2 million in the 1950s to fewer than 700,000.

Still, outmigration undercuts the island’s tax base, making it increasingly difficult to pay back a ballooning debt load.

3 Creditors aplenty.

About 53% of U.S. municipal mutual funds hold positions in Puerto Rican debt, according to Morningstar data.

Those funds have long been attracted by the triple-tax-free nature of Puerto Rican debt, which Congress blessed as free from federal, state and local income taxes.

“Because Puerto Rico’s borrowing has been totally focused on debt financing and in the end completely reckless, investors have some kind of culpability here,” said Matt Fabian, managing director of Municipal Market Advisors.

4 The pension shortfall is gaping.

By the time it filed for bankruptcy, Detroit was paying nearly 4 in 10 dollars out of its general budget for pensions, health care and debt service. The pension shortfall on its own represented about \$3 billion in debt.

Nonprofit donors and the state of Michigan ultimately pledged a combined \$816 million over 20 years to help offset at shortfall. That helped lower pension reductions, but retirees took pension cuts to help resolve the case.

In Detroit’s bankruptcy, Rhodes ruled that pensions could be cut. But without bankruptcy, there’s no clear route for Puerto Rico to reduce its pension burden.

5 No one is getting a government bailout.

There’s no appetite in Washington for a Puerto Rican bailout. In Detroit, the city landed a one-time \$195 million payment from the state of Michigan to help exit bankruptcy. But it was hardly a bailout, representing less than 3% of the debt Detroit eventually shed.



JOE RAEDLE, GETTY IMAGES

A woman sorts through her belongings on a park bench in San Juan, the Puerto Rican capital.

Puerto Rico debt crisis: Funds with the most to lose

Nathan Bomey | USA TODAY

Puerto Rican bonds, long known as “triple-tax-free,” can add a fourth “T” to that equation: troublesome, tenuous or turbulent.

Pick your poison, but either way the outlook is problematic for the U.S. territory’s bonds, which famously offered investors a chance to escape federal, state and local income taxes.

Moody’s and Standard & Poor’s analysts said they’re expecting Puerto Rican agencies to default on debt, possibly as soon as Wednesday, amid a financial crisis gripping the island economy.

At about \$72 billion, Puerto Rico’s bond debt bill is staggering, and the commonwealth’s governor said Monday that it’s “unpayable.”

That’s bad news for debt holders whose bonds are uninsured — which is most of them. It doesn’t necessarily mean that they’ll be forced to accept big cuts. Bondholders are currently engaged in negotiations with Puerto Rican officials — and the outcome could range considerably for the various agencies that hold the debt, including electric and water utilities as well as the central government itself.

Bond funds with the most assets tied up in distressed Puerto Rican debt

Oppenheimer Rochester Fund Municipals (RMUNX)	\$1.4 billion
Oppenheimer Rochester High Yield Municipal Fund (ORNAX) ..	\$741.9 million
Oppenheimer Rochester Ltd Term New York Muni Fd (LTNYX) ..	\$712.4 million
Franklin California Tax-Free Income Fund (FKTFX)	\$661.7 million
Oppenheimer Rochester Limited Term Municipal Fd (OPITX)	\$597.4 million
Franklin High Yield Tax-Free Income Fund (FRHIX)	\$332.2 million
Franklin Federal Tax-Free Income Fund (FKTIX)	\$249.3 million
Goldman Sachs High Yield Municipal Fund (GHYIX)	\$235.8 million
Oppenheimer Rochester AMT-Free Municipal Fund (OPTAX).....	\$225.0 million
MainStay High Yield Municipal Bond Fund (MMHIX).....	\$215.7 million

Bond funds with highest exposure of their market value tied up in Puerto Rican debt

Franklin Double Tax-Free Income Fund (FPRTX)	47.2%
Oppenheimer Rochester Maryland Municipal Fund (ORYCX).....	36.4%
Oppenheimer Rochester Virginia Municipal Fund (ORVAX)	34.6%
Oppenheimer Rochester Fund Municipals (RMUNX)	23.1%
Oppenheimer Rochester Ltd Term New York Muni Fd (LTNYX).....	20.9%
Oppenheimer Rochester Limited Term Municipal Fd (OPITX).....	20.0%
Oppenheimer Rochester Arizona Municipal Fund (ORAZX)	19.9%
Oppenheimer Rochester Michigan Municipal Fund (ORMIX)	19.8%
Oppenheimer Rochester North Carolina Muni Fnd (OPNCX)	18.7%
Oppenheimer Rochester New Jersey Municipal Fund (ONJAX)	18.3%

Source Thomson Reuters Lipper

EBOLA RETURNS TO LIBERIA

Nation was declared free of virus in May

Samwar Fallah

Special for USA TODAY

MONROVIA, LIBERIA A teenager has died of Ebola in a remote Liberian village, shattering hopes the nation defeated the disease in May when the World Health Organization declared the country virus-free.

Tolbert Nyenswah, Liberian deputy minister for surveillance and disease control, said Tuesday that the virus had been positively identified in the 17-year-old boy’s remains.

The boy fell ill June 21 and died three days later in a village of Margibi County, an area that stretches from the coastline southeast of Monrovia into Liberia’s central region in the northeast. It borders Bong County, which is adjacent to Guinea where Ebola infections persist.

The case was discovered after a burial team in Margibi County was alerted to the boy’s death. The team collected bodily fluid, which later tested positive for Ebola, Nyenswah said. The village where the boy was from was placed under quarantine.

Margibi County was among the worst impacted areas during the earlier outbreak.

Nyenswah, who headed Liberia’s Ebola response during the outbreak, said health workers are tracking 27 people who had contact with the teen to see if they develop the disease. More people are expected to be identified as potentially at risk, he added. But Nyenswah said he is confident the virus’ spread is under control.

The national health system’s ability to “quickly detect the (new) case means our system is working and is able to deal with any situation. No need to panic at this moment,” he said.

Tarik Jasarevic, a WHO spokesman, said Tuesday that “although this (Liberia Ebola death) is not the situation we were hoping for, this incident shows that the alert system is working, that there is the capacity to quickly identify, isolate, treat and track every contact and stop further spread of the disease. It is critical that the Liberian people remain vigilant.”

Contributing: Gregg Zoroya from McLean, Va.

YOUR SAY

LETHAL INJECTION

Death penalty justified for convicted killers

FACEBOOK
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In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court on Monday upheld the use of a controversial lethal injection method in executions.

Personally, I am opposed to the death penalty. A case can be made for it morally, but there have been just too many mistakes caused by human error.

That being said, how come I can go in for surgery and be put to sleep easily and painlessly, but we can't put these people to sleep the same way?

Andy Hapka

The death penalty is a deterrent to crime. People being executed when they did not commit the crime is an extremely rare scenario.

Larry Hubble

The execution of even one innocent person for a crime he or she didn't commit is murder. We know that courts and juries do make mistakes and condemn people for murders they

Supreme Court made right call

TWITTER
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We asked for thoughts about the court upholding lethal injections used to carry out the death penalty.

It was the right decision. The injection method is controversial only due to activist-created obstacles.

@brainfertilizer

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Do you view the death penalty as morally acceptable or morally wrong?

2001 63% 27%

2015 60% 33%

- Morally acceptable
- Morally wrong

Source Gallup Polls; 2015 results from telephone survey of 1,024 U.S. adults conducted May 6-10; margin of error is ±4 percentage points
GEORGE PETRAS, USA TODAY

did not commit. If you value life, are you willing to be party to murder?

Milo Bendech

It is surprising to me that we even debate the death penalty. I am totally for it. I cannot un-

derstand why we have to make it "comfortable" for the person being put to death.

A murderer can commit such heinous crimes in some of the most morbid ways possible, and we worry whether he or she is going to feel anything? I think they should feel exactly what they did to the people they killed.

Harold Filliez

Bullet in the head and get it over with, or ban executions completely.

Anyone wanting to see a person in pain for a long time, until the individual dies, is the same as these criminals.

Oliver Cukor

After this ruling, we just need to speed up the execution process so that it is carried out in less than six months after sentencing. That would put us back on the road to establishing justice in the land.

Vic Edwards

TOON TALK



RICK MCKEE, THE AUGUSTA (GA.) CHRONICLE, CAGLE CARTOONS

Don't condemn the South

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Commentary writer

Jamie Malanowski's piece "Ft. Treason: Spike rebel base names" displays ignorance (Opinion, Monday).

Robert E. Lee, considered to be one of the finest generals in military history, served honorably and valiantly in the Mexican-American War.

As far as dismissing the sacrifice and valor Lee and several other eventual Confederate officers displayed in the Mexican-American War, I wonder if the writer feels the same about the many Union officers who served, such as the infamous Philip Sheridan, who used the "scorched earth" policy before William Sherman's march.

For those who choose to cast aspersions on our country's horrific Civil War, Union or Confederate, the times and conditions of the mid-19th century must be taken into account. And to label the actions of some of the USA's greatest warriors as "treason" is to demonstrate great igno-

rance, as does the labeling of all as "racists and terrorists." For Malanowski to spew that venom at only Confederate officers is to ignore history.

Daniel P. Elliott
Clemmons, N.C.

FACEBOOK
FACEBOOK.COM/USATODAYOPINION

It's about time that national attention was paid to the issue of some Army bases being named after Confederate officers.

It's amazing how people actually defend and honor those who turned their backs on their fellow United States citizens.

Marcus M. Long

Call for removing a flag and changing a few Army base names, and some people complain about a "culture war" against the South. It was a war, a treasonous war against a sovereign nation; those symbols and heroes are forfeit.

Denise Trudeau

Changing the names of these bases will not change history.

Jeanine LaMere

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FRONT & CENTER



Europe is enduring a record heat wave this week. High temperatures are **30 degrees** above average in Spain and France.

On this date in **1979**, **5.8 inches** of snow fell on Stampede Pass, Wash., a July record snowfall.

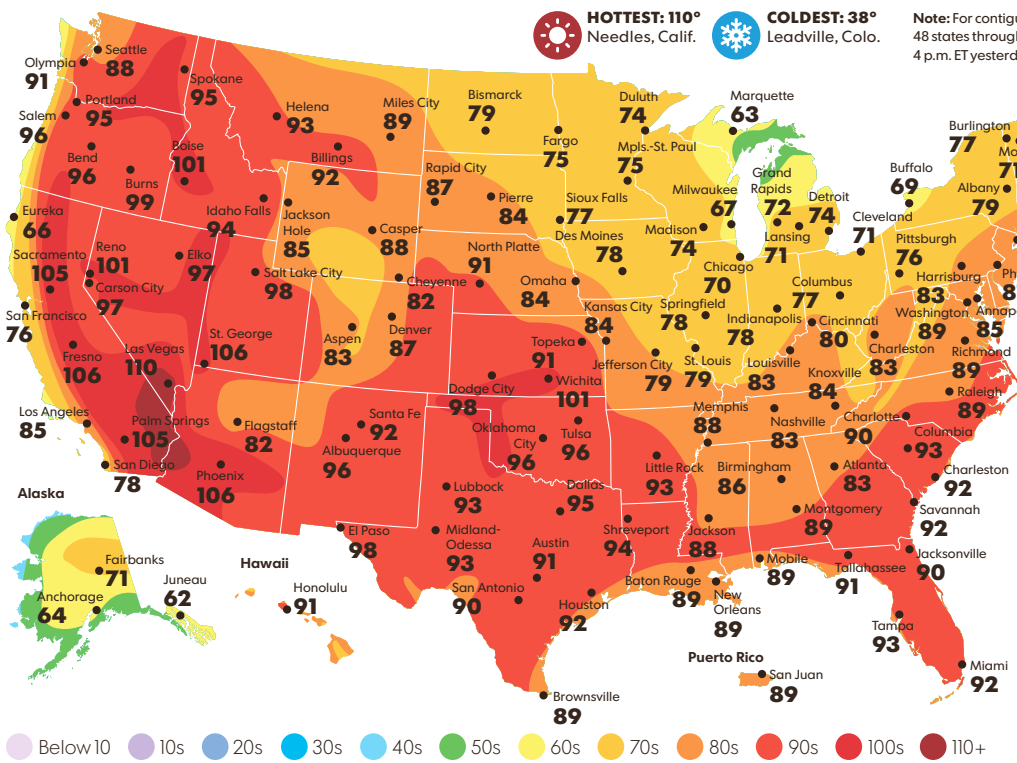
CAN YOU GET A SUNBURN ON AN OVERCAST DAY?

Yes, ultraviolet rays penetrate clouds.



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TODAY'S HIGH TEMPERATURES



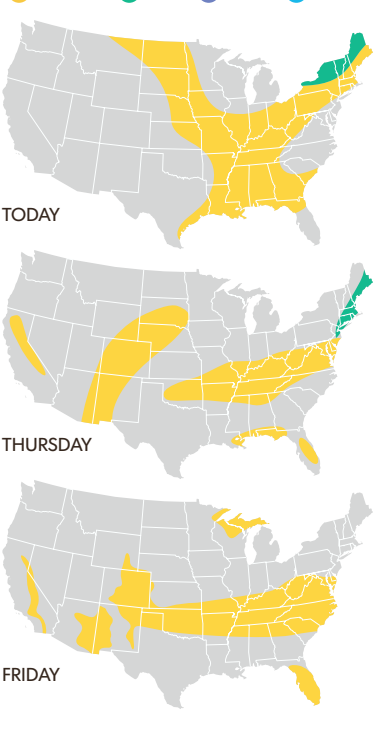
YESTERDAY'S EXTREMES

HOTTEST: 110°
Needles, Calif.
COLDEST: 38°
Leadville, Colo.

Note: For contiguous 48 states through 4 p.m. ET yesterday

PRECIPITATION FORECAST

● T-storms ● Rain ● Snow ● Ice/mix



TOP TRAVEL CITIES

Air quality index (AQI)

ATLANTA	BALTIMORE	BOSTON	CHARLOTTE	CHICAGO	DALLAS	DENVER	DETROIT	HONOLULU	HOUSTON	LAS VEGAS	LOS ANGELES
WED ☁ T-storm 83/68	WED ☁ T-storm 86/65	WED ☁ T-storms 74/63	WED ☁ Stray t-storm 90/66	WED ☁ Partly sunny 70/54	WED ☁ Sunny, breezy 95/77	WED ☁ Stray t-storm 87/61	WED ☁ Shower, t-storm 74/60	WED ☁ Partly sunny 91/75	WED ☁ T-storm 92/77	WED ☁ Stray t-storm 110/84	WED ☁ Partly sunny 85/64
THU ☁ A.P.M. t-storm 84/71	THU ☁ A.P.M. t-storm 81/65	THU ☁ Shower, t-storm 78/61	THU ☁ A.P.M. t-storm 88/68	THU ☁ Sunny, cool 71/57	THU ☁ Cloudy, breezy 95/77	THU ☁ A.P.M. t-storm 82/59	THU ☁ Sunny, warm 75/54	THU ☁ A.P.M. shower 90/76	THU ☁ Mostly sunny 93/77	THU ☁ Sun, clouds 105/86	THU ☁ Partly sunny 82/63
FRI ☁ Shower, t-storm 85/70	FRI ☁ T-storms 77/66	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 72/59	FRI ☁ Shower, t-storm 86/68	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 76/57	FRI ☁ Mostly cloudy 91/75	FRI ☁ T-storm 86/61	FRI ☁ Sunny 78/58	FRI ☁ A.P.M. shower 90/76	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 93/77	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 107/88	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 78/62
AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate
MIAMI	MPLS.-ST. PAUL	NEW ORLEANS	NEW YORK	ORLANDO	PHILADELPHIA	PHOENIX	SALT LAKE CITY	SAN DIEGO	SAN FRANCISCO	SEATTLE	WASHINGTON
WED ☁ A.P.M. t-storm 92/79	WED ☁ Partly sunny 75/59	WED ☁ T-storm 89/77	WED ☁ T-storms 82/68	WED ☁ A.P.M. t-storm 94/74	WED ☁ T-storms 87/69	WED ☁ Stray t-storm 106/88	WED ☁ Partly sunny 89/72	WED ☁ Partly sunny 78/68	WED ☁ Partly sunny 76/62	WED ☁ Sunny, warm 88/63	WED ☁ A.P.M. t-storm 83/68
THU ☁ An A.M. shower 92/80	THU ☁ Partly sunny 80/62	THU ☁ Partly sunny 93/77	THU ☁ Shower, t-storm 82/66	THU ☁ A.P.M. t-storm 93/74	THU ☁ T-storms 86/67	THU ☁ Partly sunny 108/87	THU ☁ Sunny, warm 89/70	THU ☁ Partly sunny 77/67	THU ☁ Clouds, sun 73/60	THU ☁ Sunny 91/62	THU ☁ A.P.M. t-storm 83/68
FRI ☁ An A.M. shower 91/80	FRI ☁ Sunny, nice 83/63	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 92/77	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 80/66	FRI ☁ Shower, t-storm 94/75	FRI ☁ Shower, t-storm 82/66	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 108/89	FRI ☁ Mostly sunny 100/73	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 73/67	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 71/60	FRI ☁ Sunny 88/61	FRI ☁ T-storms 80/70
AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate	AQI Unhealthy s/g	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Moderate

☁ Cloudy ☁ Fog ☁ Ice ☁ Rain ☁ Snowflurries ☁ Snow ☁ Windy ☁ Drizzle ☁ Haze ☁ Partly cloudy ☁ Sunny ☁ Showers ☁ Thunderstorms

U.S. CITIES	TODAY	THU
Akron, Ohio	75/56t	77/59pc
Albany, N.Y.	79/59t	77/54pc
Albuquerque	96/71t	94/70pc
Allentown, Pa.	82/63t	83/63pc
Amarillo, Texas	95/70s	89/66pc
Anaheim, Calif.	87/66t	84/64pc
Anchorage, Alaska	64/52c	66/55pc
Aspen, Colo.	83/52t	84/51pc
Atlantic City, N.J.	82/69t	79/67t
Austin, Texas	92/70t	91/71t
Bakersfield, Calif.	105/78pc	102/76pc
Baton Rouge, La.	89/75t	93/75s
Billings, Mont.	92/63s	88/62s
Birmingham, Ala.	86/71t	84/72t
Bismarck, N.D.	79/60t	80/58c
Boise, Idaho	101/69s	103/71s
Buffalo, N.Y.	69/56t	72/54pc
Burlington, Vt.	77/59sh	75/53pc
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	76/56pc	73/56pc
Charleston, S.C.	92/74t	90/75t
Charleston, W.Va.	83/62pc	74/62t
Cheyenne, Wyo.	82/57pc	78/55t

U.S. CITIES	TODAY	THU
Cincinnati	80/64pc	76/61t
Cleveland	71/57pc	74/58pc
Colorado Springs	84/60c	81/58c
Columbia, S.C.	93/73pc	91/72t
Columbus, Ohio	77/60pc	77/60pc
Corpus Christi, Texas	90/76t	93/77s
Dayton, Ohio	78/62pc	76/59c
Daytona Beach, Fla.	93/73t	93/73t
Des Moines, Iowa	78/62t	76/60pc
Duluth, Minn.	74/53pc	77/57s
Durham, N.C.	89/68pc	88/70t
El Paso, Texas	98/75t	102/77pc
Fairbanks, Alaska	71/53sh	71/53pc
Flagstaff, Ariz.	82/58t	80/56pc
Fargo, N.D.	75/58t	74/57pc
Fort Myers, Fla.	94/75t	94/75t
Fort Smith, Ark.	95/77pc	93/74t
Fort Wayne, Ind.	74/55pc	75/57c
Fresno, Calif.	106/77pc	101/75pc
Grand Rapids, Mich.	72/54pc	76/52s
Green Bay, Wis.	71/49pc	75/52s
Greensboro, N.C.	87/68t	85/67t
Greenville, S.C.	88/67t	84/67t
Harrisburg, Pa.	83/62t	81/64pc

U.S. CITIES	TODAY	THU
Hartford, Conn.	80/61t	81/59pc
Indianapolis	78/63pc	75/60t
Islip, N.Y.	77/67t	81/64pc
Jackson, Miss.	88/74t	92/74pc
Jacksonville, Fla.	90/72t	91/72t
Jefferson City, Mo.	79/70t	80/65t
Kansas City	84/68t	78/63pc
Key West, Fla.	91/83s	91/81s
Knoxville, Tenn.	84/67t	79/67t
Laredo, Texas	92/74t	97/76pc
Lexington, Ky.	81/65t	74/63t
Lincoln, Neb.	85/65t	80/60pc
Little Rock, Ark.	93/75t	91/74t
Long Beach, Calif.	83/67t	80/66pc
Louisville, Ky.	83/69t	78/66t
Lubbock, Texas	93/69s	93/69pc
Madison, Wis.	74/51pc	76/52pc
Manchester, N.H.	76/62t	80/58pc
Memphis, Tenn.	88/74t	84/72t
Milwaukee	67/53pc	69/55s
Mobile, Ala.	89/74t	90/75pc
Modesto, Calif.	106/75pc	97/72pc
Montgomery, Ala.	89/73t	90/74t
Myrtle Beach, S.C.	90/76t	90/77t

U.S. CITIES	TODAY	THU
Nags Head, N.C.	88/77t	88/77t
Nashville, Tenn.	83/68t	79/69t
Newark, N.J.	84/68t	84/66pc
New Haven, Conn.	79/64t	79/62pc
Norfolk, Va.	90/73pc	86/72pc
Oakland, Calif.	77/63pc	75/61pc
Oklahoma City	96/74s	92/69c
Omaha, Neb.	84/64t	77/61pc
Palm Springs, Calif.	105/83pc	106/81pc
Pensacola, Fla.	87/76t	88/77pc
Pierre, S.D.	84/61s	78/58t
Pittsburgh	76/57t	78/61pc
Portland, Maine	66/59t	76/55pc
Portland, Ore.	95/66s	96/63s
Providence, R.I.	77/64t	81/66t
Raleigh, N.C.	89/69pc	88/68t
Rapid City, S.D.	87/60s	78/57pc
Reno, Nev.	101/70pc	98/70pc
Richmond, Va.	89/68pc	87/67pc
Rochester, N.Y.	73/58t	78/70pc
Sacramento, Calif.	105/68pc	94/65pc
San Antonio	90/75t	92/76pc
San Jose, Calif.	87/65pc	82/63pc
Santa Fe, N.M.	92/62t	88/61pc

U.S. CITIES	TODAY	THU
Sarasota, Fla.	92/75pc	92/75s
Savannah, Ga.	92/73t	91/73t
Scottsdale, Ariz.	103/85t	104/81pc
Shreveport, La.	94/78s	94/75s
Sioux Falls, S.D.	77/59t	77/59t
South Bend, Ind.	70/55pc	76/57s
Spokane, Wash.	95/67s	98/68s
Springfield, Mo.	87/73t	86/68pc
Springfield, Ill.	78/63t	76/62pc
St. Louis	79/67t	81/65t
St. Petersburg, Fla.	94/76pc	92/77s
Syracuse, N.Y.	75/57t	73/52pc
Tallahassee, Fla.	91/74t	90/75pc
Tampa, Fla.	93/77t	92/77s
Toledo, Ohio	75/53pc	75/53pc
Topeka, Kan.	91/70pc	81/64pc
Tucson, Ariz.	98/76t	101/79pc
Tupelo, Miss.	84/72t	82/70t
Tulsa, Okla.	96/78s	95/72pc
Virginia Beach, Va.	89/75pc	91/68pc
Wichita, Kan.	101/72t	91/68pc
Wilmington, Del.	84/66t	83/66t
Winston-Salem, N.C.	87/68t	84/67t
Worcester, Mass.	75/61t	77/58pc

WORLD CITIES

WORLD CITIES	TODAY	THU
Beijing	89/63pc	91/65s
Buenos Aires	56/49pc	59/43pc
Cancun, Mexico	92/78s	90/79s
Dubai, UAE	102/88s	103/88s
Frankfurt	89/69s	92/70s
Hong Kong	95/85c	96/84c
Istanbul	81/68s	80/68s
Jerusalem	85/65s	86/65s
Johannesburg	63/43c	65/44s
London	90/63pc	78/60t
Mexico City	71/55t	68/52t
Montreal	74/55r	72/53s
Moscow	75/56pc	73/49pc
Mumbai, India	75/80sh	86/79sh
Paris	101/71s	92/66t
Rio de Janeiro	80/67pc	75/67t
Rome	85/67s	87/68s
Seoul	81/65s	83/63s
Singapore	89/81t	89/80t
Sydney	61/44s	62/43s
Toronto	73/54sh	71/52s
Tokyo	79/71r	82/72c

OPINION

TODAY'S DEBATE DEBT CRISIS

Our view

No tragedy if Greeks leave the eurozone

To many Americans, the idea that the financial woes of Greece, a nation of 11 million people, would cause a major selloff in U.S. stocks is hard to comprehend.

After all, Monday's 2% drop amounted to a roughly \$370 billion loss in the United States and even larger losses on European exchanges. How could a country with an economy the size of Connecticut's cause so much turmoil?

The answer lies in the peculiar collection of nations known as the eurozone. These countries share a monetary system but not a political one, which is a recipe for trouble.

Typically, if a country combines profligate spending with low tax collections (as Greece has), markets solve the problem at least partially by pushing down the value of its currency. This solution, however, won't work for Greece. It is one of the 19 nations that use the euro. Which prompts the question: Wouldn't it be better if Greece left the euro and went back to its old national currency, the drachma?

The answer is yes. Greece would have more control over its economy. It could default on its loans and move on. Its exports and its tourism economy would be highly attractive. This is not to say that an exit would be orderly. But it would allow Greece to be Greece, for better or worse.



DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA, AP
European Union and Greek flags at Tuesday's rally in Athens.

Other nations in Europe would benefit even more from a Greek exit. They would not have to keep funding bailouts. And by ushering a profligate, recalcitrant and dysfunctional government out the door, they would send a clear message to other nations that they had better get their finances in order if they wanted to remain in the club.

Greece has essentially been sponging off wealthier European nations since it joined the eurozone in 2001. To support massive public employment and pension expenditures, and to cover for inept tax collection, it has borrowed

\$271 billion, far more than banks would have allowed had it still been on the drachma.

A Greek default now would be far less destabilizing than it would have been five years ago. The global economy and lending institutions are in far better shape. And, after a debt swap and write-down in 2012, banks and private investors have reduced their exposure and now hold less than 20% of Greece's debt.

Some argue that the U.S. has an interest in Europe being more indulgent with Greece. Kicking the can down the road, after all, does not cause people's 401(k)s to fall by 2% in one day.

But Americans' greater interest lies in a long-term solution for the Greek debt problem and a stable, prosperous Europe that trades extensively with the USA. There are also some unsettling parallels between Greece and highly leveraged U.S. states, as well as the territory of Puerto Rico, which announced this week it could not make its current payment on \$72 billion in debt.

While Puerto Rico might be a lost cause at this point, major states are not. They could put their financial houses in order if their governments just showed some spine. A demonstration of how little appetite there is for bailouts, even in liberal Europe, should send a clear message on both sides of the Atlantic.

Opposing view

Sweeten the deal to keep Greece in

Douglas J. Elliott

America should continue to strongly encourage Greece and its European partners to reach a fair deal for additional funds to support Greece while it commits to undertake further reforms to repair its troubled economy.

Despite the bluster, the two sides can reach agreement, and their proposals are not very far apart.

It is politics, on both sides, that is making it hard to reach a sensible compromise. It would be a tragedy if Greece fell out of the currency union when a deal was within reach.

Some argue it would be better for Greece to say "no" and to take off on its own. The one thing we know for sure is that this would create further massive hardship in Greece, forcing a steep recession initially as businesses and consumers pulled back sharply in the face of huge uncertainties and risks.

This might theoretically make sense for Greece in the long run if it enabled it to pursue much better policies unyoked from the common interest rates and exchange rate of the currency union. In reality, any government would make mistakes in the turbulent

environment after the breakup. The inexperienced and highly ideological Syriza-led government in power today is likely to make even bigger mistakes.

Europe and America would be harmed by the ripple effects of Greece's economic catastrophe, with interest rates rising for the weaker European nations and stock markets falling across the world, as they did this week. This would not be the end of the world, but why would we want to endure it when a sensible compromise would avoid these problems?

Further, a failing state on the southeast edge of Europe, facing the turbulent Middle East and with close cultural ties to Russia, is no recipe for longer-term stability, especially when that state is run by a party that styles itself honestly as the "Coalition of the Radical Left."

Europe should sweeten the deal a little, for its own sake and because the excessive austerity it imposed earlier was partially responsible for much Greek suffering. Greece should then accept the new offer, because it has more to lose than anyone if it goes it alone.

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Bill Sternberg

For much of my childhood, I assumed I was going to play for the New York Mets when I grew up. Reality bit hard when I reached high school and was cut from the varsity baseball team.

As delusional as I might have been, I was perceptive enough to recognize that if I couldn't make the Guilderland High School varsity, my prospects for signing with the Mets were dim.

Lacking a career Plan B, I took a summer job at a small soda-bottling plant in downtown Albany. My sole qualification for the position was that my father knew the plant's owner from his bridge game.

I thought back to that soda plant last week, when the Pew Research Center put out a report titled "the fading of the teen summer job." Back in the summer of 1978, the report found, 58% of 16- to 19-year-olds were employed. By last year, the summer employment rate for teenagers had dropped to 32%.

The report offered a variety of possible explanations for the trend: fewer entry-level positions available; shorter summer breaks; more students enrolled in summer classes; and more teens taking unpaid internships or doing community service work.

LIFE LESSONS

Whatever the reasons, the decline of what Pew called the "Great American Summer Job" is a shame. My soda-plant job was grimy, unglamorous and low paying — and it taught me more about life and work than anything else I could have done during those three months.

To begin with, I learned about the monotony of repetitive work. One of my duties involved inspecting returnable bottles as they emerged from a washer and passed under a fluorescent light before they were refilled. My job was to grab any that were cracked or contaminated.

It was at once the most mindless job at the plant and the most important: A cigarette butt or a dead rodent at the bottom of a bottle could have turned into a multimillion dollar lawsuit. Despite this awesome responsibility, after a few minutes of watching the bottles go by, my mind would begin to wander. The rats from *Willard* could have passed under my nose and I probably wouldn't have noticed. When I heard recently that airport screeners missed fake bombs and other contraband, I could relate.

As the summer went on, I learned to admire the full-time,

WHY TEENS SHOULD GET A JOB

What I learned working at the soda-bottling plant one summer



LUKE SHARRETT, BLOOMBERG
Bottling soda on a conveyor belt in Louisville.

year-round employees at the plant, most of them African-American. They worked hard every day, kept the conveyor belt running and could fix any piece of machinery, including my balky Pontiac.

ONE TANK, TWO BRANDS

I learned about the sharper practices of product marketing. Our plant made both Diet Rite cola and sugar-free RC. All I did was change the caps and the labels. The syrup came out of the same tank, but the grocery shelf prices often differed.

I learned about the importance of health and safety regulations. The plant owner lived in fear of the words "OSHA inspection." When he thought the Occupational Safety and Health Administration was about to appear, we went into a frenzy of cleanup that kept the place in reasonably sanitary condition.

I learned about taking responsibility. One day, I shut off the

valve on the syrup tank improperly and was mortified to see hundreds of bottles filling with carbonated water and just a tint of coloring. It's a wonder I wasn't fired on the spot.

Most of all, I learned that there are basically two types of jobs in life. There's the kind of job where you take a shower before you go to work. And there's the kind where you take a shower after you get home from work.

Neither is any nobler than the other. But after finishing most days covered with sweat and grime and syrup, I resolved to pursue the shower-before track.

As the 2014-15 school year finishes, here's some advice. If it's motivation and real-world preparation you're after, the teen tours and specialty camps can wait. Get a summer job. The grungier the better, particularly for boys with delusions of athletic grandeur.

Bill Sternberg is the editor of the Editorial Page.

Unjust ICE deportation leaves child fatherless

Misdirected focus on minor drug crimes

Kirsten Powers

Melissa Lawrence met her future husband, Kenault Lawrence, when he joined her fifth-grade class as a Jamaican immigrant. Their friendship turned to romance her senior year in high school. Melissa said, "We were never apart again."

That was true for a decade, until the night Melissa, then 27 and nearly eight months pregnant, received a call that changed her life: Kenault, 28, had been detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and was slated for deportation to Jamaica, a country he no longer had a connection to. "We didn't really understand what has going on, we didn't feel this was right," Melissa recalled in an interview.

Kenault was not in the U.S. illegally. He was a lawful permanent resident with a green card. The father-to-be had a steady job, and his life seemed to be back on track after serving a sentence for a marijuana conviction that included three months in the county jail two years before.

According to the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition (CAIR), which took on Kenault's case, two low-level marijuana convictions were wrongly classified as "aggravated felonies." This trumped up classification deprived Kenault of the opportunity to present his community ties — an American wife and son, a history of paying taxes, and a childhood and adulthood lived in the USA — as reasons not to deport him. With no defense, Kenault

was deported.

Without her husband, Melissa was forced to pick up two additional waitress jobs. She is now on food stamps while her child is raised without a father. "I'm living my biggest fear: living as a single mom," Melissa said.

It's all in a day's work for ICE.

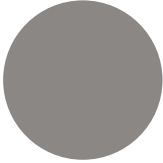
While ICE says it is deporting the "worst of the worst," much of the effort is misdirected. As Human Rights Watch explains in a new report: "The U.S. regularly places legal residents and other immigrants with strong ties to U.S. families into deportation proceedings for drug offenses."

"Often, those offenses are decades old or so minor they resulted in little or no prison time. Deportations after convictions for drug possession in particular have spiked, increasing 43% from 2007 to 2012."

In the 2013 case *Moncrieffe v. Holder*, a 7-2 Supreme Court decision expressed exasperation with the government's heavy handedness, noting, "This is the third time in seven years that we have considered whether the government has properly characterized a low-level drug offense as 'illicit trafficking in a controlled substance,' and thus an 'aggravated felony.' Once again we hold that the government's approach defies the 'commonsense conception' of these terms."

The CAIR Coalition has petitioned ICE to review Kenault's case to consider what is best for his son, 3-year-old Devario Kenault Lawrence, a U.S. citizen. So far, ICE hasn't changed its mind.

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ANDREESSENS GIVE \$250K TO RAISE AWARENESS

Venture capitalist Marc Andreessen and philanthropist Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen are championing two organizations working to raise the visibility of sexual orientation and gender identity in the tech world. They are giving \$250,000 to Trans*H4CK, a non-profit that puts on hackathons to develop new tech products for the trans and gender non-conforming communities, and Lesbians Who Tech, a national organization that supports and connects gay women in tech.



JEWEL SAMAD, AFP/GETTY IMAGES

APPLE LOSES FIGHT OVER EBOOK PRICES ON APPEAL

A federal appeals court upheld a ruling charging Apple of illegally conspiring to inflate e-book prices to consumers. The appeal is a win for the Justice Department, which accused the gadget maker in 2012 of orchestrating an abusive e-book pricing policy with book publishers. Many of the associated publishers settled the case, but Apple dug in with an appeal. Unless contested, the judgment means Apple has been ordered to pay \$450 million as a fine — most of it going to e-book buyers.

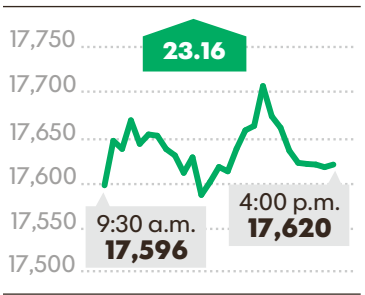
HOME PRICES RISE MODESTLY

Home price increases moderated a bit in April. The Standard & Poor's/Case Shiller index of 20 large cities rose 4.9% compared with a year earlier, down slightly from a 5% annual rise in March. Denver and San Francisco posted the sharpest annual gains in April; prices rose 10.3% and 10%, respectively.

MASTERCARD BACKS AWAY FROM BACKPAGE.COM

MasterCard announced on Tuesday that it will cease doing business with the online classified portal Backpage.com. The site has long been the target of politicians and law enforcement officials, who charge that it has provided a cloak of anonymity for pimps and provided unnecessary ease for johns to arrange meetings with prostitutes.

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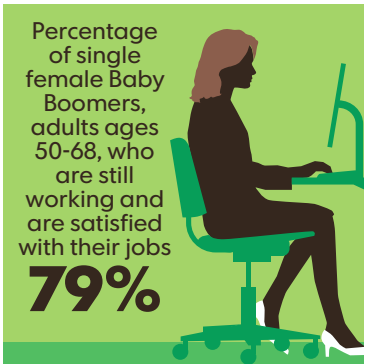
TUESDAY MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG
Nasdaq composite	4986.87	▲ 28.40
S&P 500	2063.11	▲ 5.47
T-note, 10-year yield	2.35%	▲ 0.02
Oil, light sweet crude	\$59.01	▲ 0.68
Euro (dollars per euro)	\$1.1144	▼ 0.0104
Yen per dollar	122/33	▼ 0.13

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Source: Del Webb Baby Boomer survey of 1,020 single female adults age 50-68
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GREECE'S FINANCIAL CRISIS

GREEKS ASK FOR 11TH-HOUR BAILOUT



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Supporters of a “Yes” vote on Sunday’s referendum, meaning the country should accept new European loans and their austerity measures, gathered in Athens on Tuesday.

Sunday referendum casts large cloud as loan deadline passes

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USA TODAY

Greece’s midnight deadline passed Tuesday for repaying \$1.8 billion to the International Monetary Fund and other international creditors, deepening a financial crisis that threatens the Mediterranean nation’s membership in the European Union.

Despite an 11th-hour effort by Greek lawmakers Tuesday to secure a two-year debt deal before the deadline, European finance ministers reviewing Greece’s proposal concluded their conference call without offering a bailout extension.

The ministers agreed to convene again Wednesday to further discuss the details of a new series of loans from the eurozone’s European Stability Mechanism, its \$560 billion rescue fund.

After the deadline passed (at 6 p.m. ET), Greece joined Zimbabwe, Sudan and Somalia in being in arrears to the IMF. Fitch Ratings has downgraded Greece’s government debt further into junk territory.

Standing in the way of any new deal from the IMF and other creditors is Sunday’s Greek referendum on whether to accept the terms that would come with a new aid package, which includes tax increases and spending cutbacks after years of recession. There is some dispute over whether such a referendum could be canceled.

Late Tuesday, thousands of Greeks took to the streets of Athens, many of them in support of accepting bailout terms. A “no” vote would lead to Greece leaving the European Union and abandoning the euro currency.

The \$1.8 billion Greece owes is part of a \$270 billion aid plan it received from the IMF, the European Central Bank and the European Commission — 19 eurozone governments — during its financial crisis.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel made her position clear

Dow rebounds but ends Q2 in the red

Adam Shell

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Stocks ended up slightly Tuesday as the Dow recovered from its biggest drop in two years amid growing chaos surrounding the Greek debt crisis.

Investors continue to eye the latest headlines on Greece as the country faces a midnight default deadline and last-minute negotiations continued.

“Greece is still in focus,” said Paul Hickey, co-founder of Bespoke Investment Group.

The Dow Jones industrials rose about 23 points, or 0.1%, and the Standard & Poor’s 500 added 0.3%. The Nasdaq composite jumped 0.6%.

A closely watched exchange traded fund that invests in Greek shares but trades in the U.S. was up about 6% before ending down 0.4% — after plunging around 20% Monday.

The good news is there wasn’t a repeat of the violent price action in global markets Monday, when the Dow cratered 350 points in its biggest slide since June 2013. Asian markets rebounded, but Europe saw another day of losses. Germany’s DAX index was down 1.3% after Monday suffering its worst drop since Octo-

ber 2008. France’s CAC 40 index dropped 1.6% and Britain’s FTSE 100 fell 1.5%.

The Greek government confirmed Tuesday that it would not pay the \$1.7 billion it owes to one of its creditors, the International Monetary Fund, before the midnight (6 p.m. ET) deadline. That non-payment puts Greece in default and ends its bailout program. There has been talk from both sides that the door to a deal remains open as Greece requested a third bailout in a last-ditch effort to reach an agreement.

Meanwhile, global investors await Sunday’s key referendum, when the Greek people will cast their vote on whether they want to accept its creditors onerous terms for another bailout or whether they say no and risk exiting the eurozone.

“The Greek referendum could end the crisis or signal a Greek exit from the eurozone,” money manager Louis Navellier wrote in a market note. “If the Greeks vote to accept austerity, the crisis could be over, but if they reject austerity, the crisis will escalate and the next step may be for Greece to exit the euro-zone and return to the drachma or the Russian ruble, which could also devalue their pension plans.”

country that has gone through some very difficult economic times and needs to find a path toward growth and a path toward staying in the eurozone,” he said.

Should there be a so-called Grexit — or Greek exit from the European financial community — Obama said, “it is important for us that we plan for any contingency, that we work with the ECB and other international institutions to ensure that some of the bumps that occur in the financial markets are smoothed out.”

Greece had indicated it would not be able to make the payment. The IMF said it would not give Greece its customary 30-day grace period before issuing a notice of technical default.

Athens is not likely to immediately go bankrupt.

July to kick off volatile 2nd half

Wall Street has much to like, but worries abound

Adam Shell

USA TODAY

Not into bumpy rides or turbulence? Then brace yourself, because the second half of the year might give you a case of the jitters as financial markets are expected to remain volatile despite expectations of modest stock market gains in the U.S.

Investors got a fresh taste of volatility this week when Greece’s worsening debt crisis roiled global stock markets and triggered Wall Street’s biggest one-day drop in two years.

So what does the second half hold? After poring through a dozen midyear reports issued by Wall Street market strategists, a few themes emerge.

► **U.S. stocks will grind higher.** Helped by both an improving economy and corporate earnings as well as more share buybacks from companies — but hurt by fears of rising interest rates and above-average valuations relative to history and shocks like the Greece debt crisis or a hard landing in China — stocks are likely to grind higher.

Domestic stocks could suffer a correction along the way as investors adjust to a shifting investment landscape. A correction is defined as a drop of 10% or more from a high. Investors might also reap fatter returns by investing abroad, where prices relative to earnings are cheaper and profit growth is peppier.

GETTING NOWHERE FAST

Despite all three major U.S. indexes repeatedly hitting new highs, only the Nasdaq composite ended the first half with much of a gain.

Index	Second quarter	First half
Nasdaq composite	1.8%	5.3%
S&P 500	-0.2%	0.2%
Dow Jones industrials	-0.9%	-1.1%

SOURCE: Bloomberg

“U.S. equities remain expensive by historical standards,” Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank, noted in his July outlook piece. “While valuation is not a timing tool, it remains one of the biggest impediments to further gains.”

► **Expect more volatility and pullbacks.** Despite touching all-time highs in late May, the stock market has basically been “treating water rather than moving sharply higher, and we expect more of the same in the second half of the year,” Liz Ann Sonders, chief investment strategist at Charles Schwab, said in the firm’s midyear outlook.

At midyear, despite making a number of record highs this year, the Standard & Poor’s 500 index is up just 0.2% and the Dow Jones industrial average is down 1.1%.

► **Fed angst will grow.** Markets will also face the headwind of the prospect of the first rate increase from the Federal Reserve since before the 2008 financial crisis. And the threat of rising rates could prove worrisome for investors, as low borrowing costs have been a key driver of stock prices for years.

Even if a correction does strike, it likely will be short-lived, argues Brian Belski, chief investment strategist at BMO Capital Markets. “Bear market ingredients, such as recession, are not present,” he told clients in a report.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE, OUTLOOK ON RISE

After winter slump, June numbers surge

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

Consumer confidence surged in June on strong job growth, rising incomes and cheap gasoline. The Conference Board's closely watched index of consumers' outlook jumped to 101.4 from 94.6 in May. Economists expected a more modest rise to 97.4. Americans' outlook on both current conditions and their expectations for the next six months both ad-

vanced sharply. The measure has bounced around recently after reaching a 7½-year high of 103.8 in January, but it generally has been up over last year. Economists monitor the index because it can foreshadow gains in consumer spending, which accounts for more than two-thirds of the economy. "Elevated levels of consumer confidence are likely to assist back-to-school spending in the upcoming months," IHS Global Insight economist Chris Christopher wrote in a note to clients. Employers added 280,000 jobs last month, far more than expected, and wage gains are finally

CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS

Consumer confidence rebounded in June, matching a five-month high. Consumer expectations for the next six months, compared to May expectations:

	May	June
More jobs	14.7%	17.8%
Plan to buy automobile	12.4%	13%
Plan to buy home	5.9%	5.9%
Plan to buy major appliance	50.5%	46.5%
Plan to buy carpet	10.3%	9.4%

SOURCE: THE CONFERENCE BOARD

showing signs of accelerating. Average regular unleaded gas prices, at \$2.77 a gallon, are up from \$2 early this year but below the year ago price of \$3.68. Consumer confidence had retreated amid a first-quarter slump in the economy that was largely blamed on harsh winter weather and other temporary factors. "Over the past two months, consumers have grown more confident about the current state of business and employment conditions," said Lynn Franco, the Conference Board's director of economic indicators. "Overall, consumers are in considerably

better spirits, and their renewed optimism could lead to a greater willingness to spend in the near term." This month, the share of consumers saying jobs are "plentiful" increased to 21.4% from 20.6% in May. Those saying jobs are "hard to get" fell to 25.7% from 27.2%. The portion anticipating more jobs the next six months increased to 17.8% from 14.7%, while those expecting fewer jobs declined to 15.1% from 16.6%. Meanwhile, 18.5% expect business conditions to improve, up from 16%. The share expecting business conditions to worsen dropped to 9.8% from 11.3%.



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Protesters stretch a giant Greek flag during a rally in Athens on Monday. The crisis called for a bold, proactive leader.

Greek crisis put Merkel to the test. She failed.

Darrell Delamaide
Special for USA TODAY



BUSINESS REGULATION

WASHINGTON The mainstream consensus regarding the collapse of bailout negotiations between the European Union and Greece is that Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras overplayed his hand, misjudging the amount of leverage he had in bargaining. Whatever leverage Tsipras had or didn't have, however, it's been clear to him and to everyone else that the person in the driver's seat has been German Chancellor Angela Merkel. So, in view of the current diplomatic rubble in the EU, if anyone's hand has been overplayed in this debacle, it is Merkel's. Merkel had it in her power to sway German public opinion and to convince other European leaders that it was desirable to reach some minimal compromise with the Greek government to give them the space they needed to get their bailout funds and implement their changes. Yes, it would have been a challenge to head off the moral hazard of other debtor countries seeking similar relief, but it is the type of challenge a great leader would take on. What is emerging from the wreckage of this negotiation is the unavoidable fact that Merkel, whatever her political gifts and however popular she is in Germa-

ny, is not a great leader. Her steady-hand-at-the-tiller type of leadership — timid, reactive, tactical — has served her well in catering to the needs of the placid society postwar Germany has created, but it has not been equal to the perfect storm of challenges facing the de facto political leader of the EU. What was needed to cope with the Greek crisis — whether five years ago at the time of the first bailout, or a year ago when a moderate Greek government could have used a little political cover, or even a month ago as bailout talks became bitter and personal — was a bold, proactive, strategic leader. Everything, in short, that Merkel is not. Postwar Germany has produced such leaders. Willy Brandt, who survived a no-confidence vote in the West German Parliament by the narrowest of margins, paved the way for perestroika and the collapse of communism with his Ostpolitik of reconciling with Eastern Europe. Helmut Schmidt had the vision and the respect for France as an equal partner to lay the foundations for European integration — a project that Merkel has now endangered with her vacillation and short-sighted approach to politics. Helmut Kohl brooked the opposition of his own party and the powerful German central bank to seize the opportunity for German reunification, making East Germans full-fledged citizens of the Federal Republic and converting their worthless "east marks" into valuable deutsche marks.



BRITTA PEDERSEN, EPA

Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks on the crisis Monday.

Greece is hardly the only current European crisis where German leadership has been lacking. Russia's incursion into Ukraine has created a dangerous geopolitical situation where Merkel's intervention has been minimally effective. The genuine problem Europe has with immigration, exacerbated by the current refugee crisis of those fleeing conflict in the Middle East and Africa, has reached critical proportions with little sign of decisive action. Even now, with the Greek economy and financial system melting down, Merkel has remained curiously passive, telling Greece the ball is in its court and calling for compromise that seems to be completely one-sided — Greece capitulating to the unrelenting demands made by Germany. Merkel, who grew up in East Germany and has an excuse for not understanding economics too well, has had to rely on her finance minister, Wolfgang Schäuble, a lawyer who has less excuse for not understanding economics but who has an abundance of the

smug self-righteousness that often characterizes German officials. Now there are rumblings of friction between the two, as Merkel's poll numbers have taken a hit because Berlin's handling of the Greek crisis has been anything but that steady hand on the tiller. Merkel also gets little help from France, where one president, Nicolas Sarkozy, widely viewed as lapdog for Merkel, has been replaced by another, François Hollande, who, if anything, is even more docile. Brandt, by contrast, had Georges Pompidou, Schmidt had Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, and Kohl had François Mitterrand as political partners fully equal in stature. Merkel gets Hollande involved primarily as window dressing, because the French leader makes no discernible contribution aside from cheerleading. Ever the tactician, Merkel may yet pull out a last-minute compromise, especially if EU authorities successfully intimidate Greeks into voting yes in Sunday's planned referendum or else risk getting thrown out of the euro. But the question for voters in France, Italy, Britain, Spain and the other countries in the EU is increasingly how satisfied are they in a union where, when push comes to shove, it is the German chancellor calling the shots. The question for German voters, since their chancellor is de facto dominant figure in the EU, is whether they are willing to install a leader with the vision equal to the task.

Teladoc firm to go public today

Health care via phone or video remains controversial practice

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One of the largest companies in the telemedicine field is going public Wednesday in a move that signals how important remote doctor visits are becoming to the future of health care and efforts to reduce costs. Shares in Teladoc, a growing but sometimes controversial player in the field, are priced at \$19. Teladoc expects to raise gross proceeds of \$180 million by selling 9.5 million shares, which includes 15% made available to the underwriters. The expected proceeds exceed earlier estimates of about \$130 million. "There was very strong reception by the investment community to the market opportunity, Teladoc's leadership position, our historical performance and our future opportunity," CEO Jason Gorevic told USA TODAY late Tuesday. Teladoc's 700 board-certified doctors deal directly with consumers on the phone, which sets the company apart from much of the rest of telemedicine, which more often involves a physician with a sick patient who videoconferences with another doctor who is usually a specialist. The company won a legal fight



MARTY PERLMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Jason Gorevic is CEO of the telehealth company Teladoc, which is going public. recently when a federal judge ruled that a Texas Medical Board regulation that prohibited doctors from diagnosing patients over the phone that they hadn't seen in person or on video was probably anti-competitive. The board was blocked from enforcing it until an antitrust suit Teladoc filed against the board was decided. Teladoc started in 2002, and Gorevic, a former president of Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, joined as CEO in 2009. "I've been looking throughout my career for an opportunity to do something that could really improve quality of care, reduce the cost of care and was a win, win, win for the payers, whether the employers or the health plans, the consumer and the doctor, and I finally found one," Gorevic says. Even the telemedicine industry is conflicted about the best way to do this. Industry experts at an American Telemedicine Association conference in May debated the risks and benefits of over-the-phone consultations, saying that although it is possible to effectively and ethically treat mild conditions this way, some illnesses can't be safely treated over the phone or in a video call.

Willis Group agrees to buy Towers Watson

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Insurance broker Willis Group Holdings said Tuesday that it has agreed to buy human resources consulting firm Towers Watson for about \$8.7 billion, a move aimed at growing its advisory business. In the all-stock deal, Willis will pay 2.65 Willis shares and a one-time dividend of \$4.87 for each Towers Watson share — for a total of about \$125 a share. Shares of Towers Watson,

based in Arlington, Va., fell 8.8% at Tuesday's close to \$125.80. Willis, based in London, rose 3.3% to \$46.90. The deal, approved by the companies' boards of directors, is expected to close by the end of the year. The combined company's equity value will be about \$18 billion, the companies said. Willis and Towers Watson have complementary products, helping corporate clients deal with benefits and other human resources issues. Towers Watson offers services and consulting in health insurance, retirement



ROBERT RAY, AP

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packages and executive compensation. Willis mostly sells insurance products, including accident insurance, weather, property and product recalls. "We believe there is minimal business overlap," between the companies, wrote C. Gregory Peters, an analyst at Raymond James. The deal "could create a comprehensive viable alternative" to larger rivals, such as Marsh McLennan, he said. In the deal, Willis, which specializes in midsize companies, is eyeing Towers Watson's network of Fortune 500 corporate clients.

TECH

Site helps moms stay at home, work

Start-up helps mothers around the world remotely preserve their spot in the workplace

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NEW YORK Katharine Zaleski was a take-no-prisoners working woman at *The Washington Post* and *The Huffington Post* while in her 20s. For her, children were a speed bump. Then she had one. And got depressed.

“Being a mom was great, but I was a 12-hour-a-day office person in a system that worked for me until I got pregnant,” says Zaleski, 34. “So the idea was to create a technological solution, so women who had kids didn’t have to disappear from the job market for years.”

That solution is PowerToFly, a website that connects women from around the world with U.S. employers. About 85% of hires live outside the USA. Since its founding in early 2014, the platform has helped stay-at-home women — about 50,000 have created profiles on the site — collect \$2.5 million in pay.

Zaleski’s start-up partner is Milena Berry, 38, a Bulgarian-born computer expert who found a way to juggle three children and a passion for tech. “I’d be breast-feeding while solving a server crisis,” jokes Berry, who spent seven years working largely from home as chief technology officer for global activist site Avaaz.org. “I kept meeting with mothers who were jealous, so I knew there was something there.”

Although PowerToFly is a business anchored to adding a small percentage to each job fee, it has consciously activist overtones.

“We need to get away from the culture of fear that says employees need to be watched.”

Katharine Zaleski, PowerToFly



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PowerToFly has 35 staffers, none of whom come into an office. All meetings are virtual. Founders Katharine Zaleski, left, and Milena Berry chat on the Web with colleagues.

“We want to empower women,” Zaleski says.

Asked whether men might need their own PowerToFly site, she laughs. “Not really, and that’s because the day after my daughter was born, my husband went right back to work,” she says. “But who knows? Maybe we’ll do a men’s site.”

Chromosomes aside, Zaleski and Berry say the time is ripe for employers to elevate remote results over time clocked at an office thanks to unprecedented technological advances that can make the virtual office more productive than a real one.

“When I was at *The Washington Post*, we couldn’t fill a lot of tech jobs because they required people to come into the office,” Zaleski says. “We need to get away from the culture of fear that says employees need to be watched.”

Berry says the war for high-tech talent — one which often finds companies complaining they can’t find skilled candidates, especially women and people of color — is getting so heated that “it’s time companies withdraw one of the requirements, that being living in the same city” as headquarters.

Stella Miranda’s dream of working for an American company was realized through PowerToFly. Miranda, 27, is a software engineer based in Bogota, Colombia, who felt her career was about to stall. “Getting a visa to work in the U.S. is difficult. But now I work there, in a way,” she says.

Miranda’s PowerToFly profile and résumé caught the attention of Theo Burry, vice president of digital studios at publishing giant Hearst, who hired her to work on GoodHousekeeping.tv. That project’s entire six-person team con-

sists of PowerToFly-sourced women.

“I actually worry less with a virtual team, as compared to trying to get people together daily in an office and making that cultural fit work,” Burry says, adding that he and his team communicate regularly using Slack and other connectivity tools and keep their operation running 24 hours a day thanks to the team’s global locations, including Russia and India.

“What appealed to me was the quality of the (worker) profiles on the PowerToFly site, which got beyond the raw tech skills and helped me understand who the person was and if I could work well with them,” he says.

Miranda wouldn’t say what she was paid by Hearst, but she allows that “while it’s not a U.S. salary, I’m sure, it is higher than what I would get normally by Colombian standards.”

Berry says helping women such as Miranda could lead to social gains. “In places like the Middle East, you have talented, educated women who often then pull out of the workforce once they become mothers,” she says. “If you can keep them involved and in the middle class, think of the societal progress you could make.”

Zaleski says, “There’s a trickle down. A woman is hired by a company like Hearst, and then she hires a nanny to help her out, and you’re starting a circle of employment.”

Speaking of employees, PowerToFly has 35. How many of them come in to an office? “Zero,” Zaleski says with a grin. “And we don’t see that number changing.”

APPLE MUSIC FIRST LOOK: IT LOOKS GOOD

But it may take awhile to see how it flies with users

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NEW YORK I got to test Apple Music a day early, and what I wanted to test was Taylor Swift’s 1989 album.

Funny what a little social media squabble gets you to do.

As anyone following music knows by now, the pop superstar recently took on Apple via Twitter over a royalty payments issue surrounding the company’s nascent music service, which was available to the public Tuesday. Apple swiftly surrendered.

“I’m a big part of that and Tim (Cook) is a big part of that and we did it together,” Eddy Cue, Apple’s senior vice president of Internet software and services, told me in an interview. “For us this was a really simple call. We did something we thought was compensating them, artists didn’t feel that way, and we could address it. Why wait? Luckily I work at a company where Tim and myself could make it happen very quickly.”

Beats co-founder and Apple executive Jimmy Iovine adds, “I had floor seats for this one. It was extraordinary what Eddy and Tim Cook did. We got up in the morning and I talked to Eddy. How these guys move in a company of this size, and to understand the nuance of what is going on with an artist and an industry, to get that, was nothing short of mind-blowing to me.”

The episode brought big-time attention to both Swift and to Apple — as if either party has any trouble generating publicity.

THE REAL TEST: TIME TO PAY

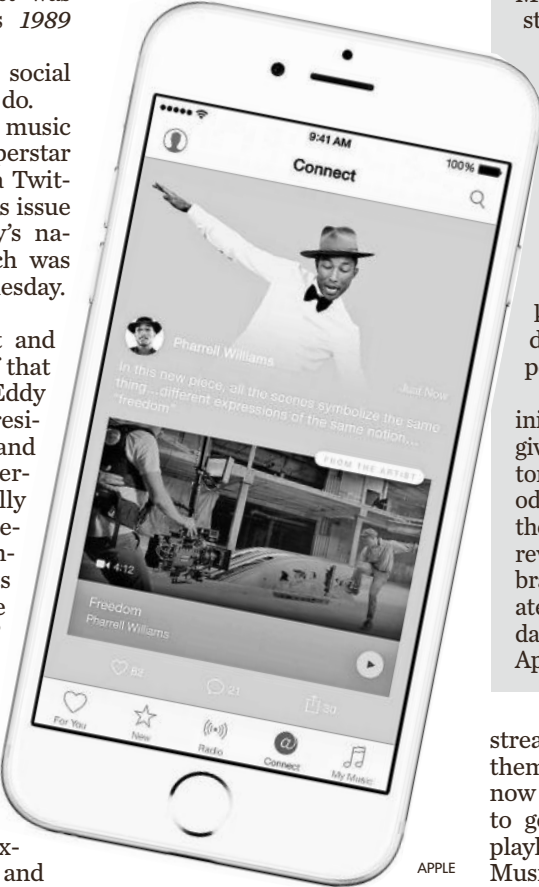
I’m guessing most of you will be enticed to try Apple Music, given there are about 800 million iTunes accounts.

The real question is whether you’ll want to stick around once a 90-day free trial period for the on-demand part of the service expires. That’s when you’d have to pay \$9.99 a month for on-demand subscription access to a library of

30 million-plus tracks, or \$14.99 monthly for a family membership covering up to six people.

After a day’s listen, I can’t tell how readily listeners will agree to pay. But here’s what I found out. You have to listen and explore a lot longer than that to ultimately determine how well Apple has done putting the music you know you want to hear — and stuff you haven’t discovered yet but will like — front and center.

Apple Music certainly looks visually appealing on the iPhone 6 Plus preloaded with the iOS update, especially the way Apple ex-



APPLE

tracts the colors and themes from an album cover and displays it across the entire display. But it also took me awhile to get comfortable finding my way around — there’s an awful lot packed into a section labeled “New.” This fresh version of iOS came out Tuesday, and you’ll need it to access Apple Music.

FAVORITES HANG AROUND

The service is an amalgam of Apple’s own iTunes and Beats Music, which Apple spent \$3 billion to acquire last year. If you still prefer the iTunes model of plunking down \$1.29 a pop to buy music, the iTunes store remains.

Beats remains, too, for now, though it is no longer accepting new members, and will eventually be replaced by Apple Music. Sonos sent emails to owners of its

Debut goes off without any issues

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NEW YORK The indie U.K. band Spring King was blown away that its song, *City*, was chosen as the first to be played by DJ Zane Lowe on Apple Music’s live new Beats 1 radio station.

“Never expected to be part of something so big by doing what we love,” the band wrote on its Facebook page. In a private message to USA TODAY, Spring King credited the superstar artist who stood up for lesser known acts.

“Taylor Swift’s letter was key and Apple made the right decision changing their policy.”

Swift had lambasted Apple’s initial policy of having musicians give up royalties during a customer’s 3-month free-trial period, and her social media post on the topic was followed by a quick reversal in policy by Apple’s top brass. The public dialogue generated a flood of headlines in the days leading up to the Tuesday Apple Music debut.

The launch appears to have gone off without any major hiccups and with strong support from artists. Apple isn’t saying how many consumers subscribed.

“We believe most of our members have signed up for Apple Music. We’re putting anything that’s happened in the past behind us,” says Rich Bengloff, president of the American Association of Independent Music.

The power of streaming services was further cemented with the news that one of the last major streaming holdouts, Australian rocker band AC/DC, finally made its catalog available on Spotify and Rdio, and now Apple Music. That leaves The Beatles as the biggest group playing hard to get.

“I sometimes think it’s counterproductive for these acts,” says music journalist and author Alan Light. “By not participating in the way that most people are listening to music, do you risk sacrificing your own relevance on a principle?”

Apple Music debuted with a catalog of more than 30 million tracks, similar to rivals.

streaming music players warning them that if they try Apple Music now on Sonos, they won’t be able to go back to Beats. But Beats playlists can move over to Apple Music.

The core of a paid subscription on Apple Music is that you can listen to almost any track or album whenever you want, as if you owned the music.

In that sense Apple Music is similar to Spotify, Google Play Music, Rhapsody, Rdio, Deezer and other services. Stop paying and the only tracks you can play in Apple Music are those that you purchased or ripped off a CD, which makes the free part of Apple Music more restrictive than on Spotify. Non-premium members of Spotify can listen for free on desktop PCs and tablets, and in shuffle mode on mobile.

TAP ONCE

The similarities to Beats itself are apparent. Upon signing up, your first step is to tap on circles representing musical genres (Classic Rock, Hip-Hop, Classical,

etc.). Tap once on a genre you like, twice on one you love. Next you do the same for favorite artists.

Apple uses your selections, as well as the music you’ve previously purchased in iTunes or indicated you liked (by tapping a heart-shaped icon) to recommend playlists and albums that show up in a “For You” section.

My For You recommendations were pretty on target and included music from many familiar artists — Herbie Hancock, Barbra Streisand, Lena Horne, and Coldplay — but also a few artists I didn’t know.

In a “Banging the Keys: Piano Pop Rock” playlist that was surfaced, I discovered a song, *Little Numbers* from BOY, that I liked.

I also appreciated the “Hipster’s Guide to Jazz” suggestion in For You, with selections from Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk and other jazz legends.

It was fun exploring numerous playlists that fit general themes such as chilling out, cooking, and romancing.

You can tap a button to add any song or playlist to your existing My Music library, the Apple Music equivalent of the iTunes library. Without otherwise knowing, you can’t easily distinguish between the songs you’re effectively renting as part of your subscription and those that you own. Either way, you can also download copies of songs to play on your phone or tablet while offline.

NO STREAMING BEATLES

Not all the artists whose music is available for purchase in iTunes are also available for streaming, most notably The Beatles: “There always some folks to come later that we would all like,” Cue says. “Over time I certainly would expect The Beatles to be there.” Of course if you own Beatles music it can reside next to the on-demand tracks in the library.

Apple has high hopes for the Connect feature that connects artists to fans. The artists you follow may post extra music and videos, photos, in-progress song lyrics, info on tour dates and more. Having indicated an interest in classical music, I found myself connected to the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra where conductor Sir Simon Rattle in a video discussed streaming classical music.

For all its promise, the Connect area seems pretty thin at the outset.

The streaming-music market is competitive and fragmented, so the onus is on Apple to explain how it’s different.

The live Beats 1 radio station is part of Apple’s strategy. It will broadcast Beats 1 globally around the clock, hosted by prominent DJs in Los Angeles, New York and London. Even if you don’t subscribe, Apple is making it available for free. But it wasn’t made available in advance, aside from a short promo.

Other radio stations include ESPN Radio and NPR, plus some holdovers from iTunes Radio. And as with Pandora, you can seed your own custom radio stations based on favorite performers.

Another differentiator may come through the human element, with Apple not just relying on computer algorithms to drum up music recommendations.

Yes, a rival service such as Slacker also employs human curators and DJs, but it doesn’t have near Apple’s marketing muscle.

Let us know what you think of Apple Music, day one and beyond.

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What to watch

Can U.S. data take focus off Greece?

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With the world fixated on Greece's debts, financial problems and broken-down talks with its creditors, it's tough to find market- or economy-related news that can supplant nervous investors' thoughts over what might happen if the Greek drama turns into a tragedy.

Wall Street hopes that with the market calmed down a bit Tuesday following the Dow Jones industrials' biggest one-day selloff in two years Monday, that incoming U.S. economic data can act as a reprieve or diversion from the all-Greek, all-the-time mentality investors have adopted since talks broke down over the weekend and the government in Athens surprised investors by calling for

a referendum on Sunday for voters to decide if they will agree to an austerity-laden deal with creditors or risk its membership in the 19-nation eurozone.

Data set for release Wednesday and Thursday will provide insight into whether strong U.S. numbers can offset the fears of contagion if Greece does in fact get tossed from the eurozone.

"It's wait-and-see," says Jack Ablin, chief investment officer U.S. at BMO Private Bank. "At the same time, data ... is due to be released that could distract investors from the Greek confrontation."

Up first Wednesday — before the key release of the June jobs report Thursday — is a report on the pace of job creation in the private sector in June, as well as fresh reads on U.S. manufacturing, vehicle sales and construction spending.

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Facts about America's investors who use SigFig tracking services:



Buy-and-hold SigFig investors (less than 10% portfolio turnover) increased their holdings in Opko Health (OPK) in mid-June.

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How we're performing

USA's portfolio allocation by trade activity

Here's how America's individual investors are performing based on data from SigFig online investment tracking service:

BUY AND HOLD
Less than 10% turnover

5-day avg.: -0.24
6-month avg.: unch.
Largest holding: GE
Most bought: HRTX
Most sold: JASO

VERY ACTIVE
51%-100% turnover

5-day avg.: -0.82
6-month avg.: -1.24
Largest holding: AAPL
Most bought: FIT
Most sold: AAPL



ACTIVE
11%-50% turnover

5-day avg.: -1.07
6-month avg.: -1.15
Largest holding: AAPL
Most bought: FIT
Most sold: AAL

AGGRESSIVE
100%-plus turnover

5-day avg.: -1.23
6-month avg.: -2.31
Largest holding: AAPL
Most bought: FIT
Most sold: VBLT

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COMP +28.40 CHANGE: +6.6% YTD: +250.81 YTD % CHG: +5.3%	NASDAQ COMPOSITE CLOSE: 4,986.87 PREV. CLOSE: 4,958.47 RANGE: 4,968.26-5,008.76	RUT +7.20 CHANGE: +6.6% YTD: +49.25 YTD % CHG: +4.1%	RUSSELL RUSSELL 2000 INDEX CLOSE: 1,253.95 PREV. CLOSE: 1,246.75 RANGE: 1,248.81-1,256.87

S&P 500'S BIGGEST GAINERS/LOSERS

GAINERS	Company (ticker symbol)	Price	\$ Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg
	Pentair (PNR) Surges after a fund manager takes 7.2% stake.	68.75	+4.32	+6.7	+3.5
	Wynn Resorts (WYNN) Rises on report of relaxed Macau visa rules.	98.67	+4.74	+5.0	-33.7
	Priceline Group (PCLN) Rises after Piper reports strong 2nd quarter for industry.	1151.37	+43.64	+3.9	+1.0
	Monsanto (MON) Corn outperforms, makes up loss on price target cut.	106.59	+3.80	+3.7	-10.8
	Newfield Exploration (NFX) Shares rated buy at Bank of America.	36.12	+1.28	+3.7	+33.2
	Valero Energy (VLO) Picked as one of Barclays' top energy/utilities picks.	62.60	+2.04	+3.4	+26.5
	Flowserve (FLS) Potential target of fund manager after Pentair.	52.66	+1.47	+2.9	-12.0
	Marathon Petroleum (MPC) Receives consensus buy, nears 2015 high.	52.31	+1.46	+2.9	+15.9
	CF Industries (CF) Climbs after selling joint venture stake to Keytrade.	64.28	+1.72	+2.7	+17.9
	Phillips 66 (PSX) Turns June winner after solid ratings.	80.56	+2.07	+2.6	+12.4
LOSERS	Company (ticker symbol)	Price	\$ Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg
	Freeport-McMoRan (FCX) Spinoff not seen as too much help for shareholders.	18.62	-7.6	-3.9	-20.3
	Western Digital (WDC) Seen as struggling in deteriorating PC market.	78.42	-3.04	-3.7	-29.2
	SanDisk (SNDK) Still stumbles after Micron lowered sales forecasts.	58.22	-1.97	-3.3	-40.6
	Seagate Technology (STX) Price target downgraded at Jefferies.	47.50	-1.52	-3.1	-28.6
	Sysco (SYY) Cut to hold at Deutsche as buyback 'less meaningful'.	36.10	-1.14	-3.1	-9.0
	Michael Kors (KORS) Sinks for lowest since 2012 as Cowen cautious.	42.09	-1.28	-3.0	-44.0
	Allegheny Technologies (ATI) Dips early ahead of last S&P 500 trading day.	30.20	-7.7	-2.5	-13.1
	NRG Energy (NRG) Shares hit by mercury rule concern.	22.88	-5.6	-2.4	-15.1
	Nucor (NUE) Dips; Bank of America removes from aggressive growth.	44.07	-9.4	-2.1	-10.2
	First Solar (FSLR) Falling gross margin seen as worrying sign.	46.98	-8.6	-1.8	+5.3

SOURCE: BLOOMBERG AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STORY STOCKS

Apollo Education Group
The owner of the University of Phoenix lowered its profit and revenue forecasts and said enrollment would drop 50,000 next year.

Price: \$12.88
Chg: -\$2.66
% chg: -17.1%
Day's high/low: \$13.74/\$12.72

Wynn Resorts
The casino operator benefited from news that China has decided to ease visa restrictions on tourists traveling from the mainland to the gambling mecca of Macau, where Wynn is a major player.

Price: \$98.67
Chg: \$4.74
% chg: 5.0%
Day's high/low: \$100.24/\$95.36

Pentair
Regulatory filings showed activist investor Nelson Peltz's Trian Fund Management has taken a stake in the water and fluid-products systems company and is pushing it to consider acquisitions.

Price: \$68.75
Chg: \$4.32
% chg: 6.7%
Day's high/low: \$69.36/\$67.01

TOP 10 MUTUAL FUNDS				
Fund, ranked by size	NAV	Chg.	4wk ¹	YTD ¹
Vanguard 500Adml	190.36	+0.52	-1.9%	+1.2%
Vanguard TotStAdm	52.10	+0.17	-1.7%	+1.9%
Vanguard TotStIdx	52.09	+0.17	-1.7%	+1.8%
Vanguard Instldxl	188.50	+0.51	-1.9%	+1.2%
Vanguard TotStlIns	52.11	+0.17	-1.7%	+1.9%
Vanguard InstPlus	188.52	+0.52	-1.9%	+1.2%
Fidelity Contra	101.97	+0.50	-0.3%	+5.1%
American Funds GrthAmA m	44.73	+0.21	-1.6%	+4.8%
American Funds IncAmA m	21.18	-0.02	-2.8%	-0.3%
American Funds CapIncBuA m	58.64	-0.13	-2.9%	+0.1%

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TOP 10 EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS				
ETF, ranked by volume	Ticker	Close	Chg.	% Chg
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	SPY	205.85	+0.43	+0.2%
Barric Path Vix ST	VXX	20.10	-0.21	-1.0%
CS VeiSh 3xLongNatGs	UGAZ	2.13	+0.04	+1.9%
SPDR Financial	XLFI	24.38	+0.09	+0.4%
iShs Emerg Mkts	EEM	39.62	+0.58	+1.5%
CS VeiSh 3xLongCrude	UWTI	3.26	+0.17	+5.5%
iShares Rus 2000	IWM	124.86	+0.58	+0.5%
iShares EAFE ETF	EFA	63.49	-0.19	-0.3%
PowerShs QQQ Trust	QQQ	107.07	+0.38	+0.4%
CS VeiSh 3xLongCrude	XIV	40.61	+0.14	+0.3%

INTEREST RATES			
Type	Close	6 mo ago	% Chg
Prime lending	3.25%	3.25%	0.0%
Federal funds	0.14%	0.13%	+0.1%
3 mo. T-bill	0.01%	0.01%	0.0%
5 yr. T-note	1.65%	1.68%	-0.2%
10 yr. T-note	2.35%	2.19%	+0.8%

MORTGAGE RATES			
Type	Close	6 mo ago	% Chg
30 yr. fixed	4.17%	3.97%	+0.2%
15 yr. fixed	3.19%	3.07%	+0.1%
1 yr. ARM	2.67%	2.84%	-0.2%
5/1 ARM	3.25%	3.13%	+0.1%

SOURCE: BANKRATE.COM

COMMODITIES				
Commodities	Close	Prev.	Chg.	% Chg.
Cattle (lb.)	1.48	1.50	-0.02	-1.2%
Corn (bushel)	4.14	3.83	+0.31	+8.0%
Gold (troy oz.)	1,171.50	1,178.50	-7.00	-0.6%
Hogs, lean (lb.)	.76	.74	+0.02	+2.6%
Natural Gas (Btu.)	2.83	2.81	+0.02	+0.7%
Oil, heating (gal.)	1.89	1.84	+0.05	+2.7%
Oil, lt. swt. crude (bar.)	59.47	58.33	+1.14	+2.0%
Silver (troy oz.)	15.55	15.66	-0.11	-0.7%
Soybeans (bushel)	10.56	10.03	+0.53	+5.4%
Wheat (bushel)	6.15	5.81	+0.34	+5.9%

FOREIGN CURRENCIES				
Currency per dollar	Close	Prev.	6 mo. ago	Yr. ago
British pound	.6357	.6355	.6428	.5846
Canadian dollar	1.2494	1.2370	1.1603	1.0666
Chinese yuan	6.1976	6.2084	6.2017	6.2100
Euro	.8973	.8890	.8228	.7302
Japanese yen	122.33	122.46	119.55	101.30
Mexican peso	15.7090	15.6891	14.7312	12.9914

FOREIGN MARKETS				
Country	Close	Prev.	Change	%Chg.
Frankfurt	10,944.97	11,083.20	-138.23	-1.3%
Hong Kong	26,250.03	25,966.98	+283.05	+1.1%
Japan (Nikkei)	20,235.73	20,109.95	+125.78	+0.6%
London	6,520.98	6,620.48	-99.50	-1.5%
Mexico City	45,053.70	44,710.36	+343.35	+0.8%

SOURCES: MORNINGSTAR, DOW JONES INDEXES, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Keep an eye on food company before acting

Q: Is Conagra still a buy?

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A: Conagra is a company best known for memorable products such as Orville Redenbacher, PAM and Peter Pan peanut butter. But the stock has become a favorite with investors, too.

Shares of the food company are up more than 21% over the past year as management appears willing to take steps to improve future profitability. Conagra on Tuesday reported adjusted quarterly profit of 59 cents a share, up 73% from the same period a year ago. The company also stated its plans to divest its sluggish private-brands business, a unit that packages foods under other companies' brands, usually stores.

Moves like the divestiture are exactly what attracts investors to the stock. The private-brands business accounts for roughly a quarter of Conagra's revenue, but it reported a loss of nearly \$400 million over the past 12 months. Dropping businesses that aren't driving the bottom line gets investors' interest.

Now it's time to execute — which is something altogether different and where the risk lies. Analysts seem to think the good plans are already priced into the stock. The average analyst rates Conagra a "hold."

Additionally, the average 18-month price target on Conagra is \$39.73, which is 9% lower than the current price of roughly \$44 a share.

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RETIREMENT

Being paid to quit?

Tread carefully on buyout offers

Your company is offering an early retirement package, and your first inclination might be to go for it. But there's a lot to think about.

"Make sure that the severance package will be enough for you to make the transition to the next phase of your life," says Scott Bishop, director of financial planning at STA Wealth Management in Houston. For Baby Boomers in particular, who may decide not to work again, "whether or not you accept the terms of your severance plan ... may be the most important decision you make in your lifetime."

The typical severance is based on the departing employee's annual salary and years on the job. For instance, a business might offer one or two weeks' — or even months' — salary for each year that a worker was employed by the company.

Increasingly, Americans are having to make a decision about whether to accept such packages.

"I do think they are offered more ... today," says John Challenger, CEO of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a human resources consulting firm. "In an era where long-term employment was more the norm, companies didn't have to deal with it as much. ... Today, that safety net for most companies is to offer a severance or early retirement program of some kind, to offer outplacement to help people find a new role and often offer some kind of health (insurance) continuation during that period of time."



Whether to take a buyout “may be the most important decision you make in your lifetime,” says financial planner Scott Bishop.

Bishop says there are several points to consider before taking severance:

UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF THE PAYOUT
“You may be able to take a lump-sum severance payment and then invest the money to provide income or use it to meet large expenses. Or, you may be able to take deferred payments over several years to spread out your income tax bill on the money.”

DETERMINE WHETHER YOU ARE GOING TO STOP WORKING, OR LOOK FOR ANOTHER POSITION
“If (workers) are closer to retirement age, they have a lot more decisions than people looking to take the severance package and start a new job,” Bishop says. “For those looking to retire north of age 55, they need to figure out if they can retire. Are they Medicare-eligible? Can I start Social Security?”

So, run the numbers, keeping in mind the impact of inflation. And ask yourself, “Is this going to be enough money to last me the rest of my life?” he says. Besides the severance payments, “look at money in the bank, pension, 401(k). ... How much debt do you have? Do you still have a car payment? Kids’ tuition? Maybe you need to sell the house and move into a smaller house or apartment. And if those are decisions you can live with and be happy, maybe you can retire.”

KNOW IF THERE’S A NON-COMPETE CLAUSE
If you are contemplating finding another job, you need to make sure the severance offer doesn’t include a non-compete clause, where you can’t work for a competitor for a period of time or you’re forbidden from hiring your former company’s employees.

PREPARE TO PAY TAXES
Once it’s time to start making withdrawals on your 401(k), realize that you will have to pay taxes, and possibly even a penalty if under age 55. Taxes also are owed on pension income. And depending on when you take your severance, you may owe more to Uncle Sam than you anticipated.

“In terms of taxation, if you get two years of salary and that’s \$200,000 and you already made \$50,000, you may have a bigger tax bite,” Bishop says. “Severance is not tax-free.”

FIGURE OUT YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE
If you’re close to retirement and your company offers health care to retirees, you may want to see if you can access that benefit early. If not, you may need to consider COBRA or one of the exchanges created in response to the Affordable Care Act.

HOLD OFF ON COLLECTING SOCIAL SECURITY
Putting off drawing on Social Security can hold you in good financial stead. Each year between the ages of 62 and 70 brings an 8% raise, “so if you’re in good health, it’s a great return to wait,” Bishop says.

“Maybe you need to sell the house. ... If those are decisions you can live with and be happy, maybe you can retire.”

Scott Bishop, STA Wealth Management

HAVE A FINANCIAL PLAN
To maximize income in retirement, an investment plan is crucial.

“The more you’re reliant on your portfolio because you’re retired, the less you can handle a market correction,” Bishop says. “If you have a prudent investment plan, you should be moving money around or rebalancing on a periodic basis.”

So professional guidance is important.

“When you’re making decisions that may be irrevocable, it’s important to seek advice from a CPA or financial adviser,” he says. “Don’t make all your decisions based on your gut.”

Amazon, AT&T, Microsoft feeling love from investors

Apple still No. 1 among tech firms as Google falls to No. 3



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SAN FRANCISCO Investors got behind Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos' push into yet more markets and AT&T's consolidation of the North American telecom industry in the second quarter, based on the stock performance of the 20 most valuable tech companies. As measured by its stock-price surge over the last three months, tech investors also showed more confidence in Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella.

Amazon shares rose 15%, the most among the largest tech stocks, as Bezos has expanded Amazon's offerings beyond books, music and movies to original TV shows and groceries while also raising the bar on delivery with its Amazon Prime service.

If the Seattle-based company can lobby its way past federal aviation rules, Amazon drone delivery won't be far behind.

Amazon shot past Verizon, AT&T, Oracle and Samsung in market capitalization, making it the sixth most-valuable tech company. With a market worth of \$202 billion, Amazon is now only slightly smaller than No. 5 Alibaba, as the value of the Chinese Internet giant slipped 2.5% to \$207 billion.

Shares of AT&T climbed 9% during the period after the No. 2 U.S. wireless provider completed the acquisition of Nextel Mexico and moved closer to gobbling up DirectTV. The Dallas-based giant now has a market value of \$185 billion, making it the ninth-most valuable tech firm and drawing AT&T almost even with its largest rival, Verizon.

New York-based Verizon's shares fell 4% in the quarter, leaving it with a market cap of \$190 billion, or seventh-most valuable.

Chinese Internet upstart Tencent cracked the Top 10 for the first time, while U.S. firms Qualcomm, Oracle, Google and Ko-



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CEO Jeff Bezos has expanded Amazon's reach beyond books, music and movies.

20 LARGEST TECH FIRMS BY MARKET CAP

- ▶ 1. Apple, \$723B
- ▶ 2. Microsoft, \$358B
- ▶ 3. Google, \$356B
- ▶ 4. Facebook, \$240B
- ▶ 5. Alibaba, \$207B
- ▶ 6. Amazon, \$202B
- ▶ 7. Verizon, \$190B
- ▶ 8. Tencent, \$189B
- ▶ 9. AT&T, \$185B
- ▶ 10. Oracle, \$175B
- ▶ 11. Samsung, \$169B
- ▶ 12. IBM, \$160B
- ▶ 13. Intel, \$144B
- ▶ 14. Cisco, \$140B
- ▶ 15. Taiwan Semi. Mfrgr, \$118B
- ▶ 16. Qualcomm, \$102B
- ▶ 17. Vodafone, \$97B
- ▶ 18. SAP, \$84B
- ▶ 19. EBAY, \$73B
- ▶ 20. BIDU, \$70B

rea's Samsung were among the biggest losers during the quarter.

Among the gainers, Microsoft's shares rose 9% as investors bought into Nadella's push into mobile services and Internet-based, or cloud, computing.

Its market value rose to \$358 billion, edging it past Google and placing Microsoft a distant second after Apple, whose stock market value ended the quarter essentially where it began, at \$723 billion.

The Nasdaq Composite Index crept 1% higher during that time.

Tencent shares gained 5%, making it the eighth-most valuable tech firm at \$189 billion, as the market for its e-commerce and messaging services in China grew.

Facebook rose 5%, keeping it the fourth-most valuable tech firm at \$240 billion in market cap, as its sales of video ads soar.

Google's shares, meanwhile, fell 5% in the period, sliding the Internet search giant into third on the list, at \$356 billion. It was the third time in four quarters Google and Microsoft have switched places on the list, suggesting investors aren't sure whose business is more valuable.

Oracle shares lost 6% after its latest financial report lagged expectations, dropping it to No. 10 on the list at \$175 billion.

Shares of Samsung fell 9%, dropping it out of the Top 10, on worries slower-than-expected sales of its new Samsung Galaxy S5 could hurt profits this year.

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In re _____ : Chapter 11
NII Holdings, Inc., et al., : Case No. 14-12611 (SCC)
Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF (I) ENTRY OF ORDER CONFIRMING THE FIRST AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION PROPOSED BY THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION AND THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS AND (II) OCCURRENCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Confirmation of the Plan.** On June 19, 2015, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") entered an order (Docket No. 831) (the "Confirmation Order") confirming the First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization Proposed by the Debtors and Debtors in Possession and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, dated June 19, 2015 (Docket No. 831, App'x I) (as it may have been amended, supplemented or modified, the "Plan"), in the chapter 11 cases of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"). Unless otherwise defined in this Notice, capitalized terms and phrases used herein have the meanings given to them in the Plan and Confirmation Order.
- Effective Date.** The Effective Date of the Plan occurred on June 26, 2015, and the Plan was substantially consummated.
- Bar Dates.**
 - General Administrative Claim Bar Date Provisions.** Except as otherwise provided in the Plan and in accordance with Section II.A.1.h of the Plan, requests for payment of Administrative Claims (other than Fee Claims, Claims described in paragraph 47 of the Mexico Sale Order and Administrative Claims based on Liabilities incurred by any Debtor in the ordinary course of its business as described in Section II.A.1.c of the Plan) must be Filed and served on the Reorganized Debtors no later than 30 days after the entry of the Confirmation Order. Holders of Administrative Claims that are required to File and serve a request for payment of such Administrative Claims must File and serve such request by the Administrative Claims Bar Date. The Bar Date will be forever barred, estopped and enjoined from asserting such Administrative Claims against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or their respective property, and such Administrative Claims will be deemed discharged as of the Effective Date. Objections to such requests, if any, must be Filed and served on the Reorganized Debtors and the requesting party no later than (a) 60 days after the Effective Date or (b) such other period of limitation as may be specifically provided by a Final Order for objecting to such Administrative Claims.
 - Professional Compensation.** Professionals or other Entities asserting a Fee Claim for services rendered before the Effective Date must File and serve on the Reorganized Debtors and such other Entities who are designated by the Bankruptcy Rules, the Fee Order, the Confirmation Order or other order of the Bankruptcy Court an application for final allowance of such Fee Claim no later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date; provided, however, that any party who may receive compensation or reimbursement of expenses pursuant to the Ordinary Course Professionals Order may continue to receive such compensation and reimbursement of expenses for services rendered before the Effective Date pursuant to the Ordinary Course Professionals Order without further Bankruptcy Court review or approval (except as provided in the Ordinary Course Professionals Order). Objections to any Fee Claim must be Filed and served on the Reorganized Debtors and the requesting party no later than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date.
 - Bar Dates for Rejection Claims.** Unless otherwise provided by order of the Bankruptcy Court, any Proofs of Claim asserting Claims arising from the rejection of the Debtors' Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases pursuant to the Plan or otherwise, including (a) secured claims, unsecured priority claims and unsecured non-priority claims that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to each Debtors' Petition Date and (b) administrative claims under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, "Rejection Damages Claims") must be Filed with the Notice and Claims Agent by thirty (30) days after the entry of the Confirmation Order (the "Rejection Bar Date").
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 - The Plan Proponents' rights to object to, settle, compromise or otherwise resolve any Claim Filed on account of a rejected Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease are reserved. To facilitate settlement discussions, the deadline to File a Rejection Objection or a reply thereto may be extended by a written agreement of the contract counterparty and the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors.**
- Copies of Plan and Confirmation Order.** A copy of the Plan, the Confirmation Order or any other related documents may be obtained from the Court's website at <http://ecf.msrb.uscourts.gov> or, free of charge, at <http://cases.primeclerk.com/nii/>.

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Emirates CEO goes on offensive

Clark calls claims airline gets unfair subsidies ‘outrageous’

Bart Jansen
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON Emirates CEO Tim Clark denied the airline received unfair subsidies in a report written to the U.S. government, after rival airlines had accused the Arabian Gulf carriers of getting support from their regional governments.

“It’s got to a stage now where there must be a line drawn in the sand,” Clark told reporters Tuesday at the National Press Club. “In the end, enough is enough.

We must move on.”

The three largest U.S. airlines — American, Delta and United — contend three Gulf rivals — Emirates, Etihad Airways and Qatar Airlines — received subsidies from their governments totaling \$42 billion over the last decade.

The U.S. carriers’ allegations, filed with the U.S. government in January, argue that their Gulf rivals get no-interest loans and subsidized ground services from Gulf-region governments Qatar and United Arab Emirates.

The Gulf airlines have vigorously disputed that, saying they get no special treatment and that U.S. airlines want to hinder competition. Clark said the U.S. government, under its Open Skies policy, had welcomed Emirates



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI, AFP/GETTY IMAGES
“Enough is enough,” Emirates Airlines CEO Tim Clark said.

and other airlines to fly to any cities.

Emirates, based in the United Arab Emirates, made \$1.6 billion in profit last year, which provided a \$700 million dividend to shareholders and \$300 million in bonuses for employees, Clark said.

The company’s balance sheets are independently audited, he said. He called the allegations from U.S. airlines “outrageous” and “factually inaccurate.”

“The legacy carriers have failed to make a persuasive case,” said Clark, who met Monday with officials at the U.S. departments of State, Transportation and Commerce who are considering the allegations.

U.S. officials haven’t said when they will make a decision in the case. Clark said the officials were receptive to the information but that they gave no hint when the case would be resolved. He suspected they would huddle for a detailed analysis in July or August.

Etihad, also based in the Unit-

ed Arab Emirates, earlier released a report arguing that since 2000 U.S. airlines received \$70 billion in benefits as a result of bankruptcy laws, largely for debt relief and reduced pension obligations.

“They come to this debate with unclean hands,” Clark said of U.S. airlines. “The legacy carriers’ real goal is protection from competition and an end to Open Skies.”

The U.S. airline CEOs have asked the federal departments of State, Transportation and Commerce to open formal consultations with United Arab Emirates and Qatar to end the alleged subsidies. The government hasn’t set a deadline to resolve the case, but is collecting comment and said a detailed review would begin in earnest this month.



THE MILOS BICANSKI, GETTY IMAGES
The Greek standoff didn’t keep tourists away from the ancient Acropolis hill and Parthenon temple Tuesday.

IT’S TOURISM AS USUAL DESPITE GREECE CRISIS

For now, summer season looks bright

Tyler Pager
USA TODAY

Despite Greece’s extreme financial crisis, the country’s lucrative tourism industry appears to be uninterrupted.

And that’s good news for Greeks.

Tourism brought in about \$32.7 billion in 2014, which made up more than 17% of the country’s GDP. The industry also contributed to 94% of total employment, or 340,500 jobs, according to the World Travel and Tourism Council.

“For international people going on vacation to Greece, there’s absolutely no difficulty at the moment,” said David Scowsill, president and CEO of the WTTC. “Greece is always a very popular destination for Europeans and it’s a good value-for-money destination. If there’s going to be any difficulties, it will come slightly later in this process.”

Although Greek citizens are limited to withdrawing only the equivalent of \$67 a day from ATMs, Greece’s Economy, Infrastructure, Shipping and Tourism Ministry released a statement Monday saying those limits do not apply to people using foreign credit or debit cards.

“The tourists that are currently in Greece as well as those that are going to come will not be at the least affected by the latest developments and can continue to enjoy their vacations in Greece without the slightest problem,” said Elena Kountoura, alternate tourism minister, in a statement.

However, some ATMs have been running out of bills as people scramble to prepare for the July 5 referendum in which citizens will vote on whether to accept the latest bailout deal and the new austerity measures that come with it. If Greeks vote against the deal, it may signal an



YORGOS KARAHALIS, BLOOMBERG

Tourists walk along a wooden path past a stack of sun-loungers on the beach in Kavouri.

“Greece is always a very popular destination for Europeans. ... If there’s going to be any difficulties, it will come slightly later in this process.”

David Scowsill,
World Travel and Tourism Council

exit from the eurozone.

The American Embassy in Greece also released a statement, cautioning visitors about demonstrations ahead of the Sunday vote.

“The State Department recommends you maintain a high level of security awareness and avoid political rallies and demonstrations as instances of unrest can occur,” the statement said.

Konstantinos Georgiadis, the general manager of Amphitriton Holidays, a Washington-based tour company that primarily runs trips to Greece, said none of his customers have canceled their trips as of Tuesday afternoon, though, some have called asking about the financial situation.

“Right now, everybody’s aware that Greece is going to hold the referendum on Sunday and in the meantime, it’s business as usual,” he said. “If there is something that our clients need to be aware of, we will notify them immediately.”

Because Greece does not have heavy industry or manufacturing, Georgiadis said, tourism is the lifeblood of the country’s economy. So far, he said, this year has been one of the best for Greece tourism.

“It’s very, very important for Greece,” he said. “The summer

period opens up opportunities for part-time jobs especially for young people who have been hit hard by the economic crisis.”

Helle Hamilton, a travel agent in Fairfax, Va., echoed Georgiadis, saying she has seen an increase in bookings for Greece this year, but no cancellations thus far.

Additionally, major airlines have not canceled flights to Greece and cruise ships traveling to Greece have not changed their routes, as of Tuesday afternoon.

Neither American nor Delta — the two big U.S. airlines that fly nonstop to Greece — had issued travel alerts related to the economic crisis as of midday Tuesday.

“We’re watching developments closely,” Delta spokesman Morgan Durrant told USA TODAY.

American’s nonstop service between Philadelphia and Athens is seasonal and was already scheduled to end in mid-October before resuming next year.

“At this point, we do not plan to make any changes to the ATH (Athens) schedule as a result of the current economic situation,” American spokeswoman Jenna Arnold said.

British Airways — one of Europe’s busiest carriers — said it did not expect an immediate operational impact for its customers.

“We are committed to continuing flights to Greece and the Greek islands,” airline spokeswoman Caroline Titmuss said.

Cruise lines also are taking a wait-and-see approach. Several lines with itineraries that include stops in Greece said they continue to sail those trips without substituting alternate ports.

“As of now, there are no changes,” said Jason Lasecki, a spokesman for Prestige Cruises, which includes Oceania Cruises and the Regent Seven Seas luxury brand. “We’re continuing to monitor the situation.”

Summer is peak season for cruising the Greek isles and with the exception of Carnival Cruise Lines, most cruise lines have seasonal deployments there.

Ben Mutzabaugh and Tom Stieghorst contributed to this report.

At JetBlue, checked bags will cost you

Ben Mutzabaugh
USA TODAY

And then there was one.

JetBlue began charging for checked bags starting with itineraries booked from Tuesday onward. The change was announced in November, but JetBlue had not revealed details until now.

Previously, JetBlue had allowed customers to check one bag for free. The change leaves Southwest as the only major U.S. carrier that still allows its customers to check bags for free. Southwest took to social media to tout its status with posts to Facebook and Twitter.

“We are proud to offer ‘Bags Fly Free’ and have no current plans to change our policies,” Southwest spokeswoman Thais Conway said in a statement.

As for JetBlue, its move to charge for bags comes amid a broader revamp of its fare offerings into three main fare types.

Airline revamps fare offerings; move leaves Southwest as lone holdout



SETH WENIG, AP

Customers who have already booked travel will not be subject to the new fare classifications. And JetBlue’s elite-level frequent-flyers will be exempt from both bag and change fees. But non-elite customers now must choose from the following options:

BLUE

The cheapest fare doesn’t include checked bags. Customers choosing to check a bag can do so for \$20 if they check the bag online or at an airport kiosk. The fee rises to \$25 if done at a check-in counter. A second bag is \$35, which JetBlue notes is a reduction from the previous \$50 fee. Customers can make changes to itineraries, with the fee varying based on the cost of the ticket.

BLUE PLUS

JetBlue’s midtier fare includes one complimentary checked bag. A second bag is \$35, which JetBlue again notes is a reduction from the previous \$50 fee. Fares will vary by route and demand but they’ll “generally” be about \$15 more than the more-basic Blue fares. Change fees will be slightly less for Blue Plus fares.

BLUE FLEX

JetBlue’s top-tier fare includes two complimentary checked bags. Prices will vary by route and by demand. But JetBlue says Blue Flex fares will “generally” be about \$85 more than Blue Plus and about \$100 more than basic Blue fares. Customers will not be charged for ticket changes or for same-day confirmed changes.

MINT

JetBlue rolled out its new Mint cabin in 2014. Fares include first class-style lie-flat seats and other perks, though the seats are offered on only on a handful of JetBlue’s long-haul routes. Mint fares are separate from the new fare types rolled out Tuesday.



Waiting game

Fans lining up for tickets in The Queue is a uniquely English and endearing Wimbledon tradition, 4C



PAVEL GOLOVKIN, AP

Pitching boost

Four impact starting pitchers are set to return and give their teams a shot in the arm, 7C

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FIRST WORD
BOTH OBAMA AND BUSH ARE PRETTY ATHLETIC IN DIFFERENT WAYS. OBAMA IS A SERIOUS HOOPS PLAYER, BUT I'D GO WITH MARCO RUBIO. HE'S GOT SOME SERIOUS FOOT SPEED."
NBC's "Meet the Press" moderator and NBC News political director Chuck Todd, to For The Win when asked who is the athlete among politicians.



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TWEETS OF THE DAY
@UKCoachCalipari
At no time has @Vivek offered me a job. I WILL BE AT KENTUCKY.
Kentucky basketball coach John Calipari, responding to media reports that the NBA's Kings and owner Vivek Ranadive were trying to hire him.

@Mikkelson12
Baby boy names rolling in! Keep 'em coming. Top 8 will be put into this hockey style bracket meaghanmikkelson.com July 6 & voting begins!
Canadian hockey player Meaghan Mikkelson, who won gold medals in Vancouver and Sochi, is expecting a boy and asking people on Twitter to help come up with his name.

MAGIC NUMBER

14
The Cavaliers' Matthew Dellavedova currently has the 14th-highest-selling jersey in the NBA.



LAST WORD
"I'm not calling anyone at midnight. I'll be in bed. And if that's the difference in someone coming or not coming, then I don't want them."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, to the "San Antonio Express-News," on whether he planned to call anyone Tuesday night at midnight when NBA free agency opened.

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Margin of victory for NASCAR's summer race at Daytona on **July 7, 2007**, the closest margin in the track's history
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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

FINISHING TOUCHES



ERIC BOLTE, USA TODAY SPORTS

Kelley O'Hara (5) beats Germany's Tabea Kemme to the ball to knock in a crossing pass from Carli Lloyd in the 84th minute, giving the USA an insurance goal in its 2-0 semifinal victory in Montreal on Tuesday.

After raising game to oust Germany, USA must seize title

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MONTREAL OK, U.S. women, finish it off.

The Americans are in the World Cup final, a game they've been itching for since they went home empty-handed four years

FINAL

USA vs. winner of Japan-England, Sunday, 7 p.m. ET (Fox)

ago. It has been 16 years since the Americans, without question the most dominant team in women's soccer, have won the title, and you can't begin to imagine how sick they are of hearing about it.

The Olympic gold medals are great, sure. But it's the World Cup

title that tells everyone in the world that you are, without question, the best.

So here's their chance. They've already won the hardest game, defeating top-ranked Germany 2-0 in a match so thrilling, so hair-on-fire open it will be days

before U.S. fans' heart rates recover. The heart rate monitors the American players wear are going to need a day or two, too.

They have the support, with so many fans making the trip for Tuesday's game the Americans could have claimed Olympic Stadium as U.S. territory for the day. They have the momentum, too, finally hitting upon the right style of play after three weeks of a boring, defensive-minded game plan

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All oak and Ironman bound

Triathlons helped Sanders overcome addiction to drugs

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THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS A mile into the marathon, Lionel Sanders was in the hurt box. That's what his fiancée, Erin MacDonald, called it as she watched from their home in Canada. She could see that no matter how Sanders finished this Ironman, his body was going to pay.

For his two years as a pro triathlete, the 27-year-old had excelled at subjecting his body to pain. He even calls the room where he trains the pain cave.

By the time he'd started the 26.2-mile run in the North American Ironman Championships in May, Sanders had overcome a more than nine-minute deficit from the 2.4-mile swim and briefly taken the lead during the 112-mile bike leg. In the 86-degree heat, it came at a cost.

"I had never seen him look that bad that early in a run," MacDonald says.



ANDREW WEBER, USA TODAY SPORTS

Lionel Sanders enters this weekend's 70.3 race in Ontario with eyes ahead on the Ironman World Championships in October.

In second place going into the final leg, Sanders struggled as he finished fourth. It was the most he'd suffered in a race, he said later, and the hardest he'd pushed himself since his first Ironman as an amateur five years ago.

By breakfast the next day, he was grateful. With six wins in Ironman and 70.3 races under his belt, Sanders had come to Texas to stand atop the podium.

Perhaps reflective of the journey he has been on for the last

five years — one that's seen him emerge from drug addiction to being one of the most promising young triathletes in the world — Sanders was not disappointed.

"(That race) was a very joyful experience, though it might not have shown on my face and in my words," Sanders says. "But behind it all, I love that stuff. I love it."

He heads into this weekend's 70.3 race in Muskoka, Ontario,

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Altering NASCAR schedule tricky task

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Special for USA TODAY Sports

As racing teams plan and plot through the middle months of the season, some NASCAR officials are designing far beyond autumn's Chase for the Sprint Cup.

Over the next several weeks, sanctioning agreements will be signed with speedways across the continent with a goal of making 2016 schedules for NASCAR's three national series — Sprint Cup, Xfinity and Camping World Truck — public earlier than last year's late August release. A partial goal of the push is to give

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JEFF GORDON: RAINBOW WARRIOR

Four-time titlist brings back paint scheme, at nascar.usatoday.com.

PAYING FOR KNOCKOFFS IN FREE AGENCY

Teams should trade for good players, not rely on signings

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The NHL free agent signing period opens Wednesday at noon, and the first managerial blunder will be made a few minutes later.

Most general managers know that they will overrate, overvalue and then overpay this year's unrestricted free agent class. But they can't stop themselves because it feels as if they are getting something for nothing.

They need scoring, and there is a 22-goal scorer in the marketplace. Never mind that he has averaged 14 goals for every 82 games he has played. Never mind that he will want about \$1 million more than he deserves, or that he'll want a year or two longer than he has a right to expect.

If there were ever a summer to wade carefully into the free agent pool, it is this one. At best, the pool includes serviceable players.

At worst, the pool includes too many players whose performance levels are challenging to predict.

If there were ever a time to ignore the free agent pool and try to correct your team's flaws through trades, it is this summer.

The best available player — the one who might be able to do the most to change a team's fortunes — is Toronto Maple Leafs forward Phil Kessel.

Because the Maple Leafs are building, they are willing to trade him. The word is Toronto wants too much. Maybe. But Kessel might be worth it.

He is 27, in the prime of his career, and he has scored 217 goals over the past seven seasons. That's an average of better than 30 goals a season, though one of those seasons was shortened to 48 games because of the lockout.

The Maple Leafs are coming off a disastrous season, having looked disinterested and demoralized. Even in that forgettable season, Kessel scored 25 goals.

Let's all try to remember how hard it is to score 25 goals in this league.

The Chicago Blackhawks' Jonathan Toews might be the most revered forward in the game, and he scored 28 goals. The Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby also had 28. Everyone loves the



GARY A. VASQUEZ, USA TODAY SPORTS

There is no one of Brandon Saad's quality in this year's free agent market, so the Blue Jackets traded for the forward.

Philadelphia Flyers' Claude Giroux, who had 25.

Kessel might have had the worst season of his career, and he still managed to net 25.

The Toronto winger isn't a troublemaker — never has been. He's soft-spoken and doesn't enjoy the spotlight or spending time with the media. That puts him the company of Mario Lemieux. Nothing wrong with that.

Given the shortage of pure goal scorers, there should be a bidding

war for Kessel. He still has exceptional speed, and he can finish. Now with the NHL shifting to a 3-on-3 overtime format, Kessel might be even more valuable than he has been. How many games will he win in overtime now? Five or six.

Unquestionably, Kessel is not a complete package. He isn't Mr. Defense. But he does one thing exceptionally well, and his scoring talent is one of the hardest to acquire.

Elusive Cup title again within USA's reach

► CONTINUED FROM 1C

that excited no one.

It's a good thing U.S. coach Jill Ellis doesn't pay attention to what anyone is saying about her or her team, because her game plans in the first four games were roundly criticized by everyone from former players to folks on the street.

But Ellis had something special saved for the semifinal. She played Alex Morgan as the lone forward but moved Carli Lloyd up just behind her, giving her free rein. Create, attack, whatever she wanted. It was an inspired move, and the USA had the Germans on their heels for most of the game.

That's no small thing. Germany entered the semifinal having scored 20 goals. Granted, 10 came in the opener vs. Ivory Coast, making its World Cup debut. Still, those are numbers usually seen only in the FIFA video game.

Yet that potent German attack was rarely seen, with the Ameri-



MICHAEL CHOW, USA TODAY SPORTS

Celia Sasic reacts after missing a second-half penalty kick. She's the first German woman ever to miss a World Cup PK.

cans extending their scoreless streak to an unbelievable 513 minutes. The U.S. players, meanwhile, were seemingly everywhere on the field. Had Morgan finished any one of the chances

she had, the score easily could have been 3-0 or 4-0. Tobin Heath missed a gimme, too, and I'm still not sure how Nadine Angerer stopped a point-blank header by Julie Johnston in the

opening minutes.

Most important, the U.S. women are finally showing that swagger that is uniquely American. That in-your-face, we-know-we're-the-best-and-you're-going-to-be-sorry-when-we-prove-it attitude.

Did you see Lloyd's face after she converted the penalty kick in the 69th minute to put the USA up 1-0? How about the icing Hope Solo gave Celia Sasic before the German was to take a penalty kick of her own?

Germany had never missed a penalty kick in the World Cup, and Sasic made two in the quarterfinal against France. But Solo took her time getting set — the penalty was awarded in the 59th minute and Sasic didn't shoot until the 63rd — and all that time to think is always going to favor the goalkeeper.

Sure enough, Sasic pulled it left and the roar that went up from the 51,176 fans could be heard all the way to the border.

Kelley O'Hara added an insurance goal in the 84th minute, and all that was left was the celebrating.

The Americans will play the winner of England-Japan on Sunday. Yes, Japan is the defending champion, having beaten the USA on penalty kicks four years ago.

But every time the USA and Germany have played in the World Cup, the winner has gone on to win the title.

The Americans have been saying all tournament that they haven't played their best, that there was still more from them to come.

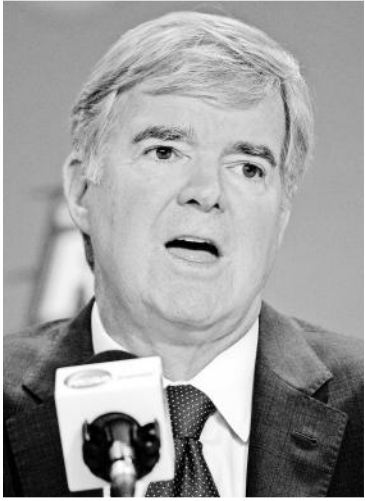
Well, here's their chance. The World Cup title is theirs for the taking. All those questions, all those doubters, they can silence them for good Sunday.

Finish it off.

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IN BRIEF



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NCAA President Mark Emmert's compensation rose by 7% in 2013.

NCAA PRESIDENT GETS \$100,000 RAISE IN 2013

NCAA President **Mark Emmert** was credited with more than \$1.8 million in compensation during the 2013 calendar year, according to the association's new federal tax return. Emmert's base salary of \$1,365,298 represents an 8% increase over his base amount for 2012 — a raise of just more than \$100,000. His overall compensation increased by about 7%. In addition to his base pay, he was credited with just more than \$200,000 in other reportable compensation and \$235,700 in retirement and other deferred compensation. Emmert is not eligible to receive that deferred pay until October 2017, NCAA spokeswoman **Stacey Osburn** said via text message. Emmert's base and total pay figures for 2013 were less than those for each of the commissioners of the five power conferences. The Big 12's **Bob Bowlsby** had the lowest base salary among the commissioners at \$1.8 million, and the Southeastern Conference's **Mike Slive** had the lowest overall total at \$2.1 million. As in 2012, the NCAA's central office had one other executive making more than \$1 million in 2013 — then-chief operating officer **Jim**

Isch, who was credited with just less than \$1.1 million. Isch retired earlier this year. Amid a variety of lawsuits, the NCAA reported that its legal expenses rose nearly 60% to more than \$13.8 million for a fiscal year that ended Aug. 31, 2014. — Steve Berkowitz

U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WILL STICK WITH BOSTON BID

While lauding Boston 2024 for its revised Olympic bid for the 2024 Summer Games, top officials for the U.S. Olympic Committee zeroed in on something else. Selling the plan to Bostonians. Polls have shown that only 40% of registered voters in Boston support the prospect of hosting the Olympics, with fears that state taxpayer money would be needed for a project that would cost an estimated \$9 billion. The USOC would like to see voter approval climb to more than 50% "relatively soon," said **Larry Probst**, chairman of the USOC. "The sooner, the better," he said, adding he would like to see support climb to more than 60% by 2017, when the International Olympic Committee will select a host city. But after Boston 2024 presented its plan during a regularly scheduled USOC board meeting Tuesday in the San Francisco area, USOC CEO **Scott Blackmun** brushed aside talk of a "switch" — dumping Boston and aligning with a city such as Los Angeles. "Candidly, we're focused exclusively on Boston," Blackmun said. "Boston's our partner, and that's where we're going." The USOC doesn't have to officially declare its city of choice until Sept. 15.

SHARKS ACQUIRE GOALIE JONES FROM BRUINS

The San Jose Sharks acquired a potential No. 1 goalie when they traded for **Martin Jones** on Tuesday, sending a first-round pick and a prospect to the Boston Bruins. The Bruins had acquired Jones from the Los Angeles Kings before last week's draft in the **Milan Lucic** trade. Jones put



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Goalie Martin Jones was traded to the Sharks on Tuesday after the Bruins had acquired him from the Kings last week.

up good numbers in limited starts backing up **Jonathan Quick** in Los Angeles but will get more time in San Jose after the Sharks traded **Antti Niemi** to the Dallas Stars. Also, Tuesday, the Anaheim Ducks acquired defenseman **Kevin Bieksa** from the Vancouver Canucks, the Calgary Flames signed recently acquired defenseman **Dougie Hamilton** to a six-year \$34.5 million contract, the Winnipeg Jets signed forward **Drew Stafford** to a two-year \$8.7 million deal, and the Carolina Hurricanes said they intended to buy out winger **Alexander Semin**.

JUNIOR SPRINTER NAMED GATORADE PLAYER OF YEAR

Vista Murrieta High (Murrieta, Calif.) junior sprinter **Michael Norman** did things in 2015 that no other prep track runner before him could accomplish, but he capped his season Tuesday with an equally historic achievement. Gatorade named him the 2014-15 Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. "I'm pretty amazed. I'm so honored, and I can't stop smiling," said Norman, 17. "Coming into the season, I was hoping to run some PRs, but I didn't expect to run as well as I did." The 6-0, 160-pound sprinter won the 200-meter dash with a state-record of 20.30 sec-

onds and the 400 in a state-record 45.19 at this month's CIF State Track & Field Championships, breaking a 30-year-old mark in the latter while clocking the nation's No. 1 time in the event among prep competitors in 2015. Both sprints ranked among the top 10 all-time U.S. high school performances in the 200 and 400, a feat unmatched by any other American prep in history. The Gatorade Player of the Year award recognizes athletic and academic achievement and character. Norman becomes a finalist for the Gatorade Male High School Athlete of the Year award. USA TODAY High School Sports administrates the nationwide se-



KIRBY LEE, USA TODAY SPORTS

Michael Norman of Murrieta, Calif., is Gatorade's Player of the Year.

lection process in collaboration with Gatorade. — Chad Konecky

CURRY'S JERSEY BEST SELLER DURING PLAYOFFS

Golden State Warriors guard **Steph Curry**'s popularity soared in 2014-15, and that was evident during the playoffs when Curry had the best-selling NBA jersey from April to June, according to sales at nbastore.com. The Warriors also sold the most team merchandise in that span. Cleveland Cavaliers star **LeBron James**, who had the best-selling jersey during the regular season, was No. 2, followed by Chicago Bulls guard **Derrick Rose**, Cavs guard **Kyrie Irving** and Warriors guard **Klay Thompson**. After Golden State, Cleveland, Chicago, the Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs rounded out the top five in team sales.

DAYTONA TRACK: EXCHANGE CONFEDERATE FLAG

Although NASCAR has banned the use of the Confederate flag in any official capacity, fans are still allowed to fly the flag, and it's customary to see the symbol all over the infield at NASCAR events — especially in the South. With the Sprint Cup series heading to Daytona International Speedway this weekend for the Coke Zero 400, DIS president **Joie Chitwood** announced fans can voluntarily exchange Confederate flags for American flags at the event. "We want to be open and inclusive. We want to celebrate the American flag this weekend. That's the flag that we should be celebrating," Chitwood told the *Orlando Sentinel*. "We're going to have flags available so if fans want to exchange whatever flags they have for an American flag, we want to make sure they have our nation's flag. It's our nation's birthday." NASCAR stood behind South Carolina Gov. **Nikki Haley**'s call to remove the Confederate flag from Capitol grounds last week.

From staff and wire reports

BIG MEN FACING BIG DECISIONS

‘Small ball’ trend takes back seat in NBA free agency

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For free agent big men, what happened in the NBA Finals might have looked like a nightmare. Unless they can shoot free throws, pass and/or stretch the floor.

The Golden State Warriors won with “small ball,” putting Draymond Green at center and pushing the ball at a fast pace.

“Cleveland was so depleted down low and Tristan Thompson being so one-sided defensively that Steve Kerr was able to go small and stay small,” said Dennis Scott, who played in the NBA for 10 seasons and is an analyst for NBA TV. “If Coach (David) Blatt had to do it over, I believe he would have stayed big.”

After all, size was Cleveland’s one advantage over the Warriors once they started playing 6-7 Green at center consistently in Games 4, 5 and 6.

But before you think small ball will be a trend, this year’s free agency group is highlighted by big guys. From LaMarcus Aldridge to Marc Gasol to Kevin Love, players who are 6-10 or taller dominate the top of free agent lists.

“I do feel that in the Finals that Golden State going to ‘small ball’ with Green at center is an aberration and is not the norm,” said NBA TV analyst Stu Jackson, a former NBA coach and executive. “I think they did what they had to do in an effort to turn the series around and bring it to a style of play where they could be successful against Cleveland to counter-act LeBron James.”

Thus, big men might be able to rest easy. Free agency should reveal, however, what types of power forwards and centers are the most sought after.

“No question it’s LaMarcus Aldridge this year,” Scott said. “He changes the landscape of the Western Conference.”

Aldridge, 29, averaged 23.4



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The free agent decision of LaMarcus Aldridge, left, could swing the West’s balance of power.

WHAT IS FREE AGENT MORATORIUM?

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. ET Wednesday, NBA teams could meet with free agents to make their pitch in trying to lure them to their club. For the first eight days, teams and players can verbally agree to deals, but nothing can be signed until July 9.

points and 10.2 rebounds per game and shot 84.5% from the free throw line last season for the Portland Trail Blazers, and he has averaged 1.9 assists in his career.

“He is one of those big guys and Marc Gasol who can pass out of the double team,” Scott said.

Both players controlled the post on offense, as only the Charlotte Hornets’ Al Jefferson scored

more points (611) by posting up than Aldridge (596) and Gasol (509). Gasol, 30, has added value in that he is a supreme passer, averaging 3.8 assists last season.

“If you look at this most recent draft, you have a low-post scorer like Jahlil Okafor,” Jackson said. “The ability to pass out of the low post is extremely valuable.”

Some experts think the Los

Angeles Lakers selecting point guard D’Angelo Russell No. 2 overall in last week’s draft was proof the NBA is trending away from big men. Jackson disagrees.

“I don’t see that specifically as any indication,” Jackson said. “(The Lakers), in their assessment, think he has the most potential to be an NBA All-Star. There are only three to five All-Stars in each NBA draft if you look at the past 10 years.”

Smaller lineups might be the trend. But the benefits of players who can control the post remain.

“You have the opportunity to play off the low-post scorer in the halfcourt offense,” Jackson said. “If you have the ability to throw

the ball inside instantly, it helps you control the length of that possession.”

That could be bad news for someone such as DeAndre Jordan, who led the league in rebounding with 15 a game and was second in put-back points with 258 but scored only 49 points in the paint.

While a team probably would want Jordan’s defensive presence on the court in the final minutes, he ended up missing 99 of 176 free throw attempts in the quarter. Couple that with him never averaging more than 0.9 assists per game, and Jordan, 26, can be an offensive liability in the game’s last 12 minutes.

Jordan was second-to-last in the league in free throw shooting at just under 40%. Nonetheless, what Jordan does well, he does at an elite level.

“If he protects the rim and he rebounds, he has got great value,” Jackson said.

“It becomes a question of who you play alongside with your four man (power forward). It’s imperative to have a four who can space the floor.”

Perhaps the opposite of Jordan in terms of skill set is Greg Monroe, a gifted scorer and passer who lacks the same type of elite defensive ability.

“If you are talking about Greg Monroe being with the New York Knicks in a triangle offensive system, that makes sense for both Monroe and the Knicks,” Jackson says, because of the triangle’s use of a post player who can pass.

As far as Love, his best fit could be to stay in Cleveland. “I think it’s the best if he wants to win and have a great chance to get back (to the Finals),” Scott says. “It’s safe to say he (James) has the blueprint on how to get back.”

The players who leave their former teams, though, are the ones who could send ripples through the league.

“I think (what) may cause the domino effect is if Aldridge or (the Miami Heat’s) Dwyane Wade decide to leave their team,” Jackson said. “It throws both those franchises into a frenzy in trying to fill a very difficult void. I would also put DeAndre Jordan in that category.”

LOWER RIM FOR WOMEN? OPINIONS VARY

Dunks appeal; some say change too radical

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In volleyball, women play on nets that are 8 inches lower than in the men’s game. This allows the women to play above the net in much the way their male counterparts do.

Given how that has worked, why not lower the rims several inches in women’s basketball, allowing females to play at or above the cylinder in much the way the men have done for decades?

Geno Auriemma, who has coached Connecticut to 10 national titles since 1995, has advocated lowering rims — anywhere from 7 inches to a foot, leaving the exact number open for discussion — for at least three years, and he spoke about it again during the 2015 Final Four.

But judging from the responses of some of the top high school girls basketball players in the nation, changing the height of the rim would be too radical.

“I wouldn’t like (the change),” said 5-8 guard Laura Stockton, a Class of 2015 Gonzaga recruit and the daughter of Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton.

“You grow up on a certain hoop, especially for people who



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Connecticut women’s coach Geno Auriemma, who won his 10th national title in April, has advocated a lower rim for years.

have been playing for a while. It would be weird.”

Faith Suggs, a 6-1 guard and a 2015 Duke recruit, agrees with Stockton.

“I love the game the way it is,” she said. “It would be awesome to be able to dunk, but I would be against (lowering the rim). I like it to be equal to the men. The ball is already smaller.”

McDonald’s All-American Sophie Cunningham, who is heading to Missouri, said being

able to dunk might help girls get more attention for their athleticism.

“Girls get excited when other girls can dunk,” she said. “And the guys will say, ‘That’s not even a good dunk.’ But that’s impressive. Guys don’t understand because they have the huge athletic ability, but girls are athletic, too. Sometimes I think we don’t get that credit.”

Katie McWilliams, a 6-1 guard and a Class of 2015 Oregon State



Notre Dame’s Jewell Loyd, left, and Connecticut’s Breanna Stewart battle under a standard 10-foot rim, a height many women want unchanged.

recruit, is undecided.

“I don’t like the idea because it would change everyone’s shot. You would have to adjust to that,” she said.

“But also I really want to be able to dunk. I think a lot of girls probably want to dunk, too. I think more people would watch women’s basketball if we could dunk.”

A pair of 6-4 rising seniors — Ciera Johnson of Duncanville, Texas, and Tori McCoy of Champaign, Ill. — would be in favor of a change for personal reasons. With their height, they would figure to collect numerous dunks with a slightly lower rim.

“I would like to see the rims at 9-foot-3 or 9-foot-5,” Johnson said. “That would be exciting.”

Destinee Walker, a 5-9 guard

and a 2015 North Carolina recruit, has a compromise.

“I think it would be cool to lower the rims at the McDonald’s game (and other all-star events),” Walker said. “I think that would add a lot of excitement.”

Kristine Anigwe, a 6-3 Class of 2015 California signee, entered the dunk contest this year at the McDonald’s game. The only girl competing against the boys, Anigwe failed to get a dunk down.

“In practice, I was dunking,” Anigwe said. “But (in the contest), the ball kept slipping out of my hands. It was disappointing.”

“I would be in favor of lowering (the rims) to 9-5. That wouldn’t be so easy but not too hard, either. I think more people would pay to come see us play if we could dunk.”

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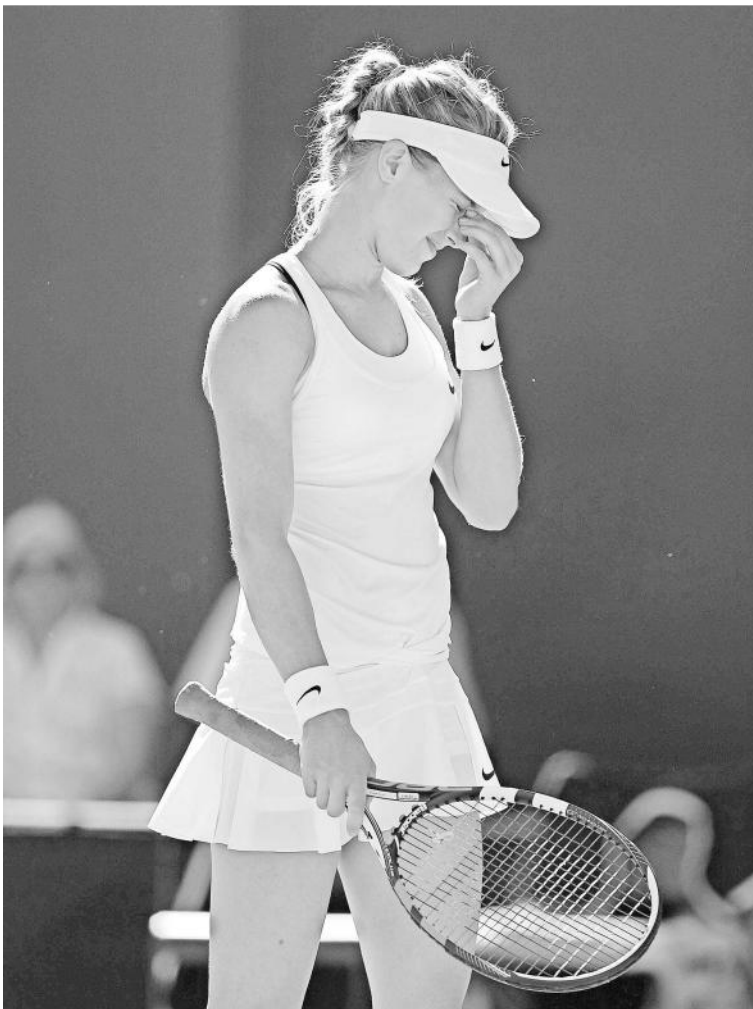
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No. 12 seed Genie Bouchard, above, was eliminated by Ying-Ying Duan on Day 2 of Wimbledon.

TWO SEEDS FALL, LEAVE EASY PATH FOR KVITOVA

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WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND Out went Genie Bouchard on Tuesday at Wimbledon. Minutes later, out went Simona Halep, too.

The two biggest breakout stars of 2014 in women's tennis — and semifinal opponents at this tournament 12 months ago — continued downward spirals this season, leaving the bottom half of the women's singles draw void of two of its higher seeds.

"It leaves a massive opening for Petra Kvitova on that side of the draw for sure," ESPN commentator Pam Shriver said.

Kvitova, the No. 2 seed and defending champion, won easily on a dangerous Day 2. She beat Kiki Bertens 6-0, 6-1 in a blur on Centre Court, needing 35 minutes.

Without No. 3 seed Halep and No. 12 seed Bouchard, the path appears to be easier for Kvitova at the tournament, where was champion in 2011 and 2014. Caro-

line Wozniacki, the No. 5 seed, is now the Czech's projected opponent in the semifinals should they both make it.

"You can argue that Kvitova's form on grass is equal to that of Serena Williams," Shriver said. "Serena is always going to be the favorite, but Kvitova is as good of a grass-court player and as confident a grass-court player as when Venus (Williams) was winning Wimbledon after Wimbledon."

Bouchard, 21, wasn't expected to put up much of a fight this Wimbledon. She lost for the 12th time in 14 matches and is expected to fall outside of the top 20 in the rankings. She cited an abdominal injury as part of the reason for her loss to 117th-ranked Duan Ying-Ying.

"In a way I'm going to be kind of happy to put this period behind me," dejected Bouchard said. "I'm very disappointed in my last couple months."

Halep lost to No. 106-ranked Jana Cepelova 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Kvitova isn't alone in the bottom half of the draw, however.

Former Wimbledon finalists Sabine Lisicki and Agnieszka Radwanska loom, as does Angelique Kerber, who is on a six-match winning streak on grass, having won a title in Birmingham two weeks ago.

"That bottom half of the draw, for me, eyes are on Kerber," said Catherine Whitaker, a contributor to Live at Wimbledon TV. "She's very understated and has gotten rid of that element of her game that is a little bit flaky."

Kerber beat countrywoman Carina Witthoeft 6-0, 6-0.

A decimated draw at the French Open a few weeks ago appeared to pit Serena Williams against Kvitova, but the latter's game is not the same on clay as it is on grass. She lost in the fourth round in Paris.

But Kvitova is 28-5 at the All England Club and said her 30-plus minutes on the court Tuesday were enough for her.

"I'm glad how I played," said Kvitova, who pulled out of a warm-up tournament because of a cold last week.

In Queue, fans line up for fun, tickets

Overnight stay unique tradition at Wimbledon

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WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND On the Saturday afternoon before Wimbledon began, Bridget Byrnes was tucked into a lawn chair on the sidewalk of Wimbledon Park Road, a few hundred yards from the All England Club. Her Jack Russell Westie dog, Ava, was at her side.

"I've done it for 10 years and my friend has done it for 30. We always come on Saturday," said Byrnes, a local resident. "It's the camping; it's the fun. We've made lots and lots of friends from around the world in The Queue. It is something very special at Wimbledon."

Welcome to The Queue at Wimbledon. It's a public line for tickets that has become almost as synonymous with this event as the grass courts.

Each day about 1,500 stadium tickets for matches on Centre Court and Nos. 1 and 2 Courts are allotted for sale to a queue-happy public. Those willing to camp overnight, stay in line for hours and arrive on the grounds without a shower from the evening before they are rewarded with a chance to see their tennis heroes.

"I know a lot of people that stand in the line just for fun," said



PAVEL GOLOVKIN, AP
Fans line up to enter the All England Club on Monday at Wimbledon. "We queue for everything," one British fan says.

Heather Watson, the No. 1 British female player. "They'll have some food, have a picnic along the way. That's part of the fun of it. At the end, they get a ticket."

Beyond the tickets sold to the first queue-goers, thousands more are sold each day to fans who arrive in The Queue hours before the gate opens at 10:30 a.m.. Wimbledon's grounds hold 39,000 fans at capacity.

Show-court tickets range from £39 to £119 (\$61 to \$186). Grounds passes are £25 (\$39) most days.

"It has only grown in popularity," said Nick Pearce, the tournament's chief honorary steward. "It gets earlier and earlier every year. As soon as the tube trains

start running at 5:30 in the morning and unload 700 people at a time, that's a lot of people into our allocation of grounds passes."

Tarlok Kharpal, 27, drove with a friend from Wolverhampton, more than two hours outside of London. He made friends in The Queue with a gentleman from Serbia who came equipped with a tent for overnight sleeping.

"We're just used to it," Kharpal said in regard to the British public standing in queue. "It doesn't seem like a chore to us. We queue for everything."

On Monday morning, fans lined the public space known as Wimbledon Park, the size of several football fields. Newspapers were handed out, morning scones

Featured matches

Wednesday Centre Court
Novak Djokovic (I), Serbia, vs. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland
Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, vs. Kei Nishikori (5), Japan
Serena Williams (I), USA, vs. Timea Babos, Hungary
No. 1 Court
Tommy Haas, Germany, vs. Milos Raonic (7), Canada
Stan Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, vs. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic
No. 2 Court
Grigor Dimitrov (II), Bulgaria, vs. Steve Johnson, USA
Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, vs. Richel Hogenkamp, Netherlands

more than 200 honorary stewards and 80 day-and-night stewards. By 3 p.m. Monday, Pearce thought a good portion of Tuesday's first 500 queue spots — where people there would have a choice at Centre Court tickets to watch Andy Murray — were taken. His staff works 24-7.

"We see the same familiar faces of fans every year," Pearce said with a laugh. "These are longstanding, enthusiastic tennis fans. It's a pretty big operation."

The tradition began because the All England Club, a private entity, wanted to make sure tennis fans had a chance at buying tickets on the day of matches with a shot at getting show-court seats, Pearce said.

"I always say Wimbledon is a really unique experience," said world No. 1 and five-time Wimbledon champion Serena Williams, who played Monday on No. 1 Court. "Lining up, being able to get tickets ... it's a wonderful experience. I think it's pretty cool. It's like no other tournament."

Nearly 48 hours earlier, Byrnes and her dog had been the first in The Queue, preparing for two consecutive nights on the field before getting to see her favorite player, defending men's champion Novak Djokovic. She brought along a Serbian flag, although Ava would exit before the first night's sleep — no dogs allowed.

"There is something very special about Wimbledon when you walk through the gates," Byrnes said. "And it starts in The Queue. The Queue embodies that."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Big 12 shouldn't rush expansion

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When University of Oklahoma President David Boren suggested last week the Big 12 "should strive for" expansion, he set off a predictable wave. In the college landscape, the topic of conference realignment is dry tinder. Given the weight of an influential leader and coupled with a slow news period, the usual combination of furor and fun quickly spun up.

What-ifs unfolded. Fantasies floated. Which schools should be the candidates? Cincinnati? Central Florida? Memphis? Houston? Brigham Young? Insert your favorite Group of Five school here?

But Boren's comments were essentially meaningless, except in fueling conversation. It's almost as if he recognized the vacuum — these few weeks, at least until mid-July when conference media days crank up, can be the slowest of the calendar year — and threw sports talk radio a bone.

That wasn't the intent, of course. But neither was Boren

signaling the Big 12 was about to get bigger. Boren has said similar things over the past few years. It's no secret he would like the Big 12 to return to 12 teams. But the moves have to make sense. In the same set of comments, Boren noted just that.

"I think it's something we should strive for while we have the time, stability, all of that to look and be choosy," Boren told reporters, according to *The (Oklahoma City) Oklahoman*. "(We) can be very selective about who we want to add. It would have to add value to the conference. I think we should."

In other words, nothing has changed. Would the Big 12 like to be numerically correct? Sure. It is making do with 10, touting the benefits of a nine-game, round-robin schedule for football, explaining how not having a conference championship game isn't really a big deal and so on. But 12 would be better in an ideal world.

The problem is that last part. Boren referred several times to finding "the right partners." But if the right partners were currently available, the Big 12 would move. Actually, it already would have moved. It's interesting that Boren revealed (and Big 12 Commis-

sioner Bob Bowlsby confirmed) that the league's main TV deal includes a clause that would proportionally increase revenue if the league expanded, meaning members wouldn't get less money by adding two schools.

That doesn't take into account other revenue, such as from the College Football Playoff. And it doesn't change the basic value proposition.

Whether it's football prowess or TV markets or location or fan base or yeah, even academic profile — to a certain extent, that actually matters — there aren't candidates that bring enough value to the league to make expanding viable. At least, not until the Big 12 gets desperate.

That hasn't happened. But if there was any added urgency in Boren's remarks, it might be the context, coming after the Big 12 was left out of the first College Football Playoff.

We always knew the four-team bracket would leave out at least one Power Five conference champion. In some ways, because controversy sells, that's actually considered a system feature rather than a bug. But if everyone understood it was coming, well, the Big 12 has experienced it, which is

why there has been hand-wringing in the past few months over whether the league needed a conference championship game.

Although the Big 12 backs a proposal to deregulate the NCAA rule that prevents leagues with less than 12 teams from having a championship game, league members wisely decided last spring not to go any further. Looking back to last season, the Big 12 was a few plays away from having not one but two teams in the Playoff — and looking like geniuses for not having a conference championship game.

Bowlsby, Boren and others think the league is at a disadvantage in the eyes of the selection committee. Maybe they're right, though the bigger development last season wasn't that Ohio State played a 13th game and Baylor and TCU didn't, it was what the Buckeyes did with it, routing Wisconsin 59-0 with a third-team quarterback.

After that performance, it's likely they would have been chosen over the winner of a Big 12 conference championship game, too, but who really knows?

Only time will tell, which is why the Big 12 rightly didn't overreact. This time next year, another

league might be re-evaluating everything after getting left out.

From the Big 12's beginning, it was never one big happy family, and it isn't now. That doesn't mean the league will someday dissolve or won't one day expand.

Boren might not have had other motives in mind last week. It's worth noting that before assuming the OU presidency, Boren was Oklahoma's governor and then a U.S. senator. He's a skilled politician who knows how to send multilayered messages. Talking about psychological disadvantages might be a psychological operation, designed for the selection committee members to hear, intended to immunize the league from being hurt by the lack of a championship game.

Or maybe he was just spouting off. Whatever Boren was trying to signal, though, expansion is not imminent.

But if nothing else, he accomplished one thing: In some parts of the country, during the dog days for sports talk, the phone lines are full.

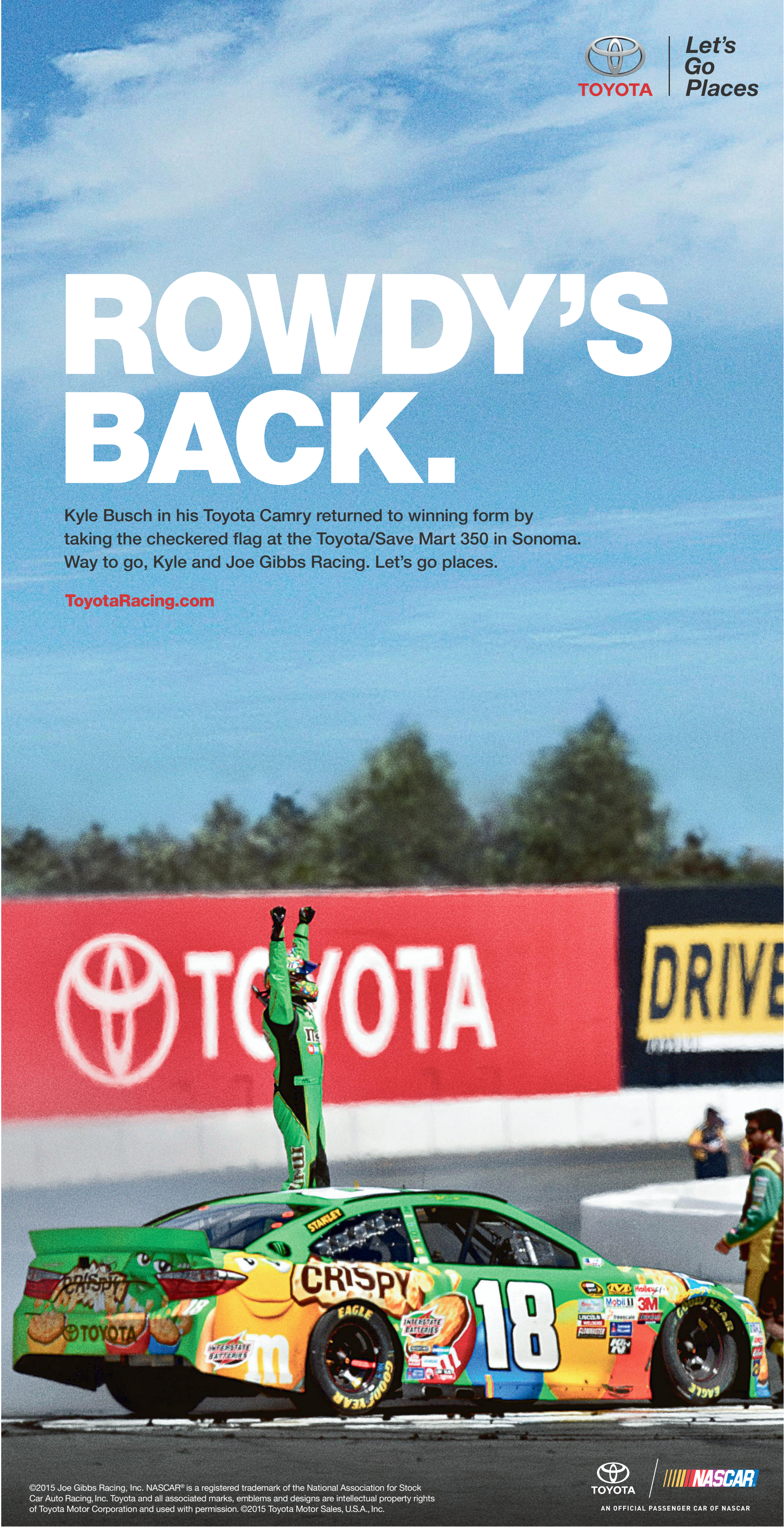
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East									
Baltimore		41	35	.539	—	L-1	7-3	25-14	16-21
Tampa Bay		42	36	.538	—	L-2	4-6	21-24	21-12
New York		41	36	.532	½	L-2	4-6	21-14	20-22
Toronto		41	37	.526	1	L-1	5-5	25-16	16-21
Boston		35	43	.449	7	W-2	6-4	17-20	18-23

		W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
Central									
Kansas City		44	29	.603	—	L-1	6-4	22-13	22-16
Minnesota		40	36	.526	5½	L-2	4-6	25-15	15-21
Detroit		39	36	.520	6	W-2	5-5	20-19	19-17
Cleveland		34	41	.453	11	W-1	3-7	15-23	19-18
Chicago		32	42	.432	12½	L-2	4-6	18-15	14-27

		W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
West									
Houston		45	34	.570	—	W-2	5-5	26-16	19-18
Los Angeles		40	37	.519	4	W-3	6-4	24-17	16-20
Texas		39	38	.506	5	W-1	3-7	15-19	24-19
Seattle		34	42	.447	9½	L-2	4-6	17-23	17-19
Oakland		35	44	.443	10	W-1	6-4	15-23	20-21

NATIONAL LEAGUE

		W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
East									
Washington		42	34	.553	—	L-1	8-2	22-14	20-20
New York		40	37	.519	2½	W-4	4-6	29-11	11-26
Atlanta		36	40	.474	6	W-1	4-6	19-15	17-25
Miami		31	46	.403	11½	L-1	2-8	18-22	13-24
Philadelphia		27	51	.346	16	L-1	4-6	18-22	9-29

		W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
Central									
St. Louis		51	24	.680	—	W-6	8-2	29-7	22-17
Pittsburgh		42	33	.560	9	L-1	4-6	24-14	18-19
Chicago		39	35	.527	11½	L-5	4-6	20-15	19-20
Cincinnati		35	40	.467	16	W-1	5-5	21-14	14-26
Milwaukee		30	48	.385	22½	W-2	6-4	15-26	15-22

		W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
West									
Los Angeles		43	35	.551	—	L-1	5-5	27-13	16-22
San Francisco		42	35	.545	½	W-2	7-3	21-20	21-15
Arizona		37	39	.487	5	W-2	5-5	19-18	18-21
San Diego		37	41	.474	6	L-1	5-5	18-20	19-21
Colorado		33	43	.434	9	L-3	5-5	17-22	16-21

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

American League	
Texas at Baltimore	Kansas City at Houston
Boston at Toronto	N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels
Cleveland at Tampa Bay	

National League	
Milwaukee at Philadelphia	Washington at Atlanta
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets	L.A. Dodgers at Arizona
San Francisco at Miami	

Interleague	
Pittsburgh at Detroit	Minnesota at Cincinnati
Chicago White Sox at St. Louis	Colorado at Oakland
Seattle at San Diego	

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

American League		2015 Statistics					
Pitchers	GS	W-L	Pct.	WHIP	ERA	IP	BA
Boston at Toronto, 1:07 ET (Line: TOR -145)							
BOS: Porcello (R)	15	4-8	.333	1.36	5.54	92.2	.286
TOR: Buehrle (L)	15	8-4	.667	1.24	3.81	99.1	.270
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, 7:05 ET (Line: LAA -125)							
NY: Eovaldi (R)	15	7-2	.778	1.54	4.81	82.1	.303
LAA: Shoemaker (R)	14	4-6	.400	1.25	5.03	78.2	.261
Texas at Baltimore, 7:05 ET (Line: BAL -150)							
TEX: Martinez (R)	15	5-4	.556	1.38	3.39	90.1	.264
BAL: Chen (L)	14	3-4	.429	1.15	2.90	87.0	.245
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7:10 ET (Line: CLE -110)							
CLE: Carrasco (R)	15	9-6	.600	1.22	4.16	88.2	.261
TB: Colome (R)	12	3-3	.500	1.42	4.50	62.0	.274
Kansas City at Houston, 8:10 ET (Line: HOU -115)							
KC: Volquez (R)	15	8-4	.667	1.17	3.18	90.2	.219
HOU: Velasquez (R)	4	0-0	.000	1.45	3.72	19.1	.239

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:05 ET (Line: MIL -140)							
MIL: Lohse (R)	16	4-9	.308	1.35	6.28	91.2	.286
PHI: Harang (R)	16	4-10	.286	1.15	3.56	101.0	.238
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 ET (Line: CHC -120)							
CHC: Lester (L)	15	4-6	.400	1.37	4.03	89.1	.271
NYM: Colon (R)	15	9-6	.600	1.25	4.89	92.0	.282
Washington at Atlanta, 7:10 ET (Line: WSH -130)							
WAS: Fister (R)	9	3-3	.500	1.35	4.15	52.0	.288
ATL: Wisler (R)	2	1-1	.500	1.25	3.75	12.0	.326
San Francisco at Miami, 7:10 ET (Line: MIA -115)							
SF: Heston (R)	15	8-5	.615	1.22	3.73	91.2	.253
MIA: Haren (R)	15	6-5	.545	1.01	3.38	93.1	.223
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 ET (Line: LAD -125)							
LAD: Anderson (L)	15	4-4	.500	1.29	3.13	89.0	.274
ARI: Ray (L)	6	2-3	.400	1.02	1.98	36.1	.215

INTERLEAGUE

Minnesota at Cincinnati, 12:35 ET (Line: CIN -190)							
MIN: May (R)	14	4-6	.400	1.36	4.62	74.0	.289
CIN: Cueto (R)	14	4-5	.444	.94	2.98	96.2	.204
Colorado at Oakland, 3:35 ET (Line: OAK -160)							
COL: Bettis (R)	9	4-2	.667	1.24	3.56	55.2	.243
OAK: Hahn (R)	15	5-6	.455	1.18	3.47	90.2	.241
Seattle at San Diego, 3:40 ET (Line: SD -150)							
SEA: Walker (R)	15	6-6	.500	1.36	4.64	85.1	.268
SD: Shields (R)	16	7-2	.778	1.33	4.24	97.2	.263
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7:08 ET (Line: DET -115)							
PIT: Burnett (R)	15	6-3	.667	1.24	2.01	98.1	.256
DET: Simon (R)	14	7-4	.636	1.27	3.57	85.2	.245
Chicago White Sox at St. Louis, 8:15 ET (Line: STL -155)							
CWS: Quintana (L)	15	3-7	.300	1.38	3.95	93.1	.284
STL: Lackey (R)	15	6-4	.600	1.24	3.35	96.2	.259

RESULTS, UPCOMING GAMES

Monday	Thursday	Friday
American League	American League	American League
TEX 8 BAL 1	CLE at TB, 12:10	TB at NYY, 7:05
BOS 3, TOR 1	TEX at BAL, 7:05	TOR at DET, 7:08
CLE 7, TB 1	BOS at TOR, 7:07	HOU at BOS, 7:10
HOU 6, KC 1	MIN at KC, 8:10	LAA at TEX, 8:05
LAA 4, NYY 1	SEA at OAK, 10:05	BAL at CHW, 8:10
		MIN at KC, 8:10
		SEA at OAK, 9:05
National League	National League	National League
MIL 7, PH 4	SF at MIA, 12:10	MIA at CHC, 2:20
ARI 10, LAD 6	CHC at NYM, 1:10	SF at WSH, 6:05
	MIL at PHI, 6:35	MIL at CIN, 7:35
	WSH at ATL, 7:10	SD at STL, 8:15
	SD at STL, 7:15	COL at ARI, 9:40
	COL at ARI, 9:40	
Interleague	Interleague	Interleague
CIN 11, MIN 7	PIT at DET, 1:08	
OAK 7, COL 1		

LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING		
McCabrera, Detroit	.350	
Felder, Texas	.348	
Kipnis, Cleveland	.348	
Jlglesias, Detroit	.330	
Moustakas, Kansas City	.317	
RUNS		
Donaldson, Toronto	58	
Dozier, Minnesota	58	
Gardner, New York	58	
Trout, Los Angeles	56	
Kipnis, Cleveland	51	
RBI		
McCabrera, Detroit	53	
Teixeira, New York	53	
Vogt, Oakland	53	
Bautista, Toronto	50	
Donaldson, Toronto	49	
BMCann, New York	49	
HITS		
Kipnis, Cleveland	103	
Felder, Texas	102	
McCabrera, Detroit	92	
Donaldson, Toronto	92	
DOUBLES		
Kipnis, Cleveland	25	
Dozier, Minnesota	23	
Brantley, Cleveland	22	
Cespedes, Detroit	22	
Gardner, New York	21	
TRIPLES		
RDavis, Detroit	6	
Eaton, Chicago	6	
Kiermaier, Tampa Bay	6	
Betts, Boston	5	
Orlando, Kansas City	5	
7 tied at 4		
HOME RUNS		
Pujols, Los Angeles	23	
Trout, Los Angeles	20	
NCruz, Seattle	19	
JMartinez, Detroit	19	
Valbuena, Houston	19	
Donaldson, Toronto	18	
Teixeira, New York	18	
STOLEN BASES		
Altuve, Houston	21	
Burns, Oakland	15	

PHILLIES' MACKANIN EXTENDED AS INTERIM

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PHILADELPHIA Pete Mackanin initially was guaranteed to fill in as the Philadelphia Phillies' interim manager only until the end of the homestand Thursday.

But Tuesday, the Phillies said Mackanin would remain interim manager through the end of the season. Jorge Velandia, a special assistant for player personnel, will be added as an assistant coach. Mackanin took over Friday after Ryne Sandberg resigned.

General manager Ruben Amaro Jr. met with Pat Gillick and incoming club president Andy MacPhail Tuesday to discuss the managerial situation. Amaro said they didn't really consider any candidates outside the organization.

"We didn't think it was appropriate at this time," Amaro said. "We also felt we had in-house candidates that are going to carry out the message and the goal to continue to develop our young players. I think Pete and Jorge and the rest of the staff are now aware of the situation and are poised to do that."

Amaro described Mackanin, 63, as a good soldier who understands the responsibilities he's taking on. Amaro also liked the players' familiarity with Mackanin and his past interim managerial experience. Entering Tuesday, he was 54-56 in his interim manager career, including stints with the Pittsburgh Pirates (2005) and Cincinnati Reds (2007).

"We just felt that Pete was the right demeanor



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Pete Mackanin was interim with Pirates, Reds.

and the right person," Amaro said. "He's done it before, and he's had some success in that area. We thought he was the right guy at this time. I think it's pretty clear, and Pete knows it doesn't mean he is a candidate to take the job at the end of the year by any consideration. I think we're going to have a clean slate."

By the end of the season, Mackanin will have managed more games this year than Sandberg. Mackanin said he's happy knowing his fate for the rest of the season. He explained Velandia's role will be to help wherever they need him, whether it's assisting Larry Bowa with infielders or working with Juan Samuel.

"Basically, because I have priority players, young players we want to try to develop, I'm going to just continue to play them as much as possible and try to get them to where we think they can be and improve to the team and move on into the future," Mackanin said.

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MONDAY'S LATE GAMES

Rangers 8, Orioles 1

Texas	011	210	300	— 8			
Baltimore	000	010	000	— 1			
Texas	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg
Odor 2b	4	0	2	0	1	0	.227
Choo rf	5	2	3	1	0	1	.232
Felder dh	5	1	1	0	0	348	
Beltre 3b	5	2	3	0	0	0	.255
Moreland 1b	5	2	2	3	0	2	.300
Gallo lf	5	0	1	3	0	4	.218
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Martin cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.222
Corporan c	3	1	1	1	1	1	.192
Totals	40	8	14	8	2	8	

↳ Batting — 2B: Beltre (10), 3B: Gallo (1),
HR: Choo (9); Moreland 2 (12); Corporan (3),
13); RB: Choo (33); Moreland 3 (39); Gallo (31);
(13); Corporan (14), Team LOB: 7.

↳ Baserunning — CS: Choo (1).
↳ Fielding — DP: 2.

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Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg
Machado 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.307
Lough cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.202
Reimold lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.257
Jones cf	4	0	1	0	1	0	.292
Paredes 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.321
Davis dh	4	0	1	0	0	3	.234
Young rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.270
Hardy ss	2	0	1	0	2	1	.249
Parmelee 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.302
Pearce 1b-2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.217
Flohrty 2b-ss	4	0	0	0	2	2	.254
Joseph c	4	1	2	0	0	1	.238
Totals	34	1	9	1	3	14	

W.Rodriguez pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. **Batters faced:** pitches-strikes: Rodriguez; 22; 101-67; Patton 3; 15-10; Kela 4; 20-12; Schepers 2; 18-10; Freeman 3; 11-9; Norris 26; 105-68; Hunter 10; 36-25; Matsuz 4; 12-9.

► **Umpires** — HP: Hirsch

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

SHOTS IN ARM: ACES READY TO RETURN

A month before the trading deadline, several teams are getting a shot in the arm potentially as effective as a big trade: the long-awaited return of a starting pitcher. USA TODAY Sports' Jorge L. Ortiz breaks down the impact of an All-Star quartet injecting themselves into the pennant race:

► **Pitcher:** Jose Fernandez
Date sidelined: Fernandez gave up five earned runs in five innings May 9, 2014, and reported elbow discomfort after that game. Three days later he went on the disabled list, and a week after the injury he had Tommy John surgery.

Day of surgery: May 16, 2014
First start: Scheduled for Thursday against the San Francisco Giants.

What the Marlins can expect: Fernandez wasn't all that sharp in his one start at Class AA, yielding six hits and four runs in five innings, but his strikeout totals in his five rehab outings — 33 in 24²/₃ innings — indicate he has regained the kind of stuff that can overwhelm hitters. Some rust figures to show when he debuts.

Impact: The Marlins (31-46) were going nowhere even before losing Giancarlo Stanton to a broken wrist, sidelining him for four to six weeks. They could use an energy boost from the enthusiastic Fernandez. Once he regains his form, his presence also could lend leadership to a shaky rotation that ranks 10th in the league in ERA at 4.17 and has been hurt by his absence and by Henderson Alvarez's two stints on the disabled list.

► **Pitcher:** Matt Moore
Date sidelined: April 7, 2014, when Moore walked off the mound in his second and final start of the season, headed for Tommy John elbow surgery.
Day of surgery: April 22, 2014



STEVE MITCHELL, USA TODAY SPORTS

Jose Fernandez was NL rookie of the year in 2013 after going 12-6 with a 2.19 ERA and 187 strikeouts in 172²/₃ innings.

First start: Thursday against the Cleveland Indians.

What the Rays can expect: Moore made five rehab starts totaling 21¹/₃ innings, and then was cleared after a bullpen session Monday. His stamina and command might not be fully back, so the Rays figure to proceed conservatively with their former staff ace.

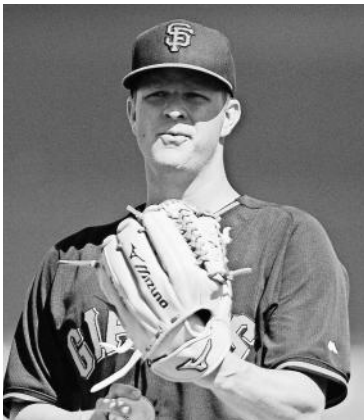
Impact: The Rays' remarkable resourcefulness has been on display as they've remained at or near the top of the American League East despite getting zero starts from Moore and Alex Cobb all season. That's about to change with Moore's return, and it comes at a welcome time. Moore was

one of the game's top lefties in 2013 and, with Cobb, Drew Smyly and Jake Odorizzi on the disabled list, his contributions could play a crucial role in keeping Tampa Bay in the race.

► **Pitcher:** Matt Cain
Date sidelined: Cain was bothered by bone chips in the elbow much of last season, making his final start July 9. Cain's return to action this year has been delayed by a strained flexor tendon in his right arm.

Day of surgery: Cain had the bone chips removed Aug. 11, ending his season. He later had arthroscopic surgery to take out a bone spur from his right ankle.

First start: Scheduled for



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Matt Cain won 16 games for the Giants in 2012, his last healthy season.



KIM KLEMENT, USA TODAY SPORTS

Ervin Santana has 30 or more starts each year since 2010.

Thursday against the Marlins.

What the Giants can expect: Tough to tell, considering the bevy of maladies Cain is coming back from. He struck out 19 in 19¹/₃ innings over four rehab outings but had a 4.19 ERA.

Impact: Cain and Jake Peavy are expected to take the rotation spots of ineffective and banged-up Tim Lincecum and Tim Hudson. It's anybody's guess whether they will perform better. If they do, the Giants have a legitimate shot at giving the National League West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers a run for their money the rest of the way. It's hard to imagine Cain will exhibit the form that made him an All-Star



KIM KLEMENT, USA TODAY SPORTS

Matt Moore was 17-4 with a 3.29 ERA for the Rays in 2013.

three times in four years from 2009 to 2012, but the Twins need pitching help and are counting on their old ace to provide it.

► **Pitcher:** Ervin Santana
Date sidelined: Since the start of the season, because of an 80-game suspension after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

First start: Santana's suspension ends Sunday, but the Twins have not said when he will pitch.

What the Twins can expect: Santana, who has a 2.84 ERA in two Class AAA starts, tends to stay in good shape and should be ready for action as soon as he's eligible. Last year he missed most of spring training after signing late with the Atlanta Braves and still started out strong before finishing with a 14-10 record and 3.95 ERA.

Impact: The Twins couldn't have imagined they'd have a surplus of pitching at the midseason or being in contention at this point. But with their starters ranking sixth in the AL with a 3.96 ERA, the Twins stubbornly remain in the race. Now they must determine who to remove from the rotation to make way for a pitcher who signed the largest free agent contract in team history (four years, \$55 million). Tommy Milone appears the likely choice, but he has a 2.03 ERA in his last five starts.

Much at stake regarding NASCAR schedule

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teams, tracks and those other omnipresent NASCAR stakeholders (mostly television networks) more time to plan.

When the schedules are unveiled, chances are they will be similar to the 2015 versions, despite the fact some drivers — and more than a few fans — say they would like to see the Sprint Cup schedule, in particular, include new venues. Some drivers also talk about shortening the schedule, which has 36 points races and two special events, and shortening the distances of some races.

Cup driver Carl Edwards told USA TODAY Sports he echoed the sentiments shared by reigning Cup champion Kevin Harvick, who said, "If you want to talk about growing the sport, I believe that some venues need one race. I believe that the schedule needs to be mixed up. People like things that change. They don't like stagnant things. The most stagnant thing in our sport is our schedule and our venues that we go to."

Edwards acknowledges he takes a selfish approach.

"I always want what's best for the sport," Edwards said. "I want the fans to enjoy it. I'm willing to go to some of these tracks that maybe aren't my favorite tracks because people like them. But, for me, from the pure driving standpoint, I'd never go to a track twice."

"I'd go to tracks all over the country. I'd run Road America (in Elkhart Lake, Wis.) and go back to Pikes Peak (International Raceway in Colorado Springs). I'd run more short tracks. In a perfect dream world, you'd run new tracks every year. There would be a rotation of maybe five or six tracks that would change every year."

Schedule-makers have a complex, difficult task. They strive to satisfy several groups, including fans, team owners, track operators, drivers and television executives, as they grid races from February to November in a variety of environments. The NASCAR orbit includes big metro areas such as Chicago and Dallas-Fort Worth and relatively pastoral locations such as Martinsville, Va., and Newton, Iowa.

Where might Edwards' rotating tracks be nestled?

"If you said the Cup series was going to Road America next year, there would be 200,000 people there," Edwards said. "If you had a Cup race at Raceway Park (now Lucas Oil Raceway) in Indianapo-



JONATHAN DANIEL, GETTY IMAGES

Having a Sprint Cup race at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis., above, would please Carl Edwards, not pictured.

"In a perfect dream world, you'd run new tracks every year."

Sprint Cup driver **Carl Edwards**

lis, it would be the biggest thing that ever happened. I went to the Xfinity race at Milwaukee, and it was like going to the state fair."

Many tracks have had attendance challenges for much of the last decade, and TV ratings generally have sagged as the sports competition market has grown; some NASCAR races have been moved to second-tier channels such as Fox Sports 1. As NBC returns NASCAR to its airwaves this weekend at Daytona International Speedway, some Cup races will be on NBC Sports Network.

SCHEDULE SHUFFLE

The 2015 Cup schedule brought notable changes.

Darlington Raceway's event was returned to its traditional Labor Day weekend slot after being bounced between spring and November. The Southern 500 was moved to November in 2004 and then to May from 2005 to 2013 before landing in April last season. Atlanta Motor Speedway's date was moved from the fall to March 1, the second race of the year. Bristol Motor Speedway's spring race was moved from the fourth race to the eighth in pursuit of better weather. It didn't work out so well, as it took nearly nine hours to complete a water-logged event April 19.

NASCAR vice chairman Mike Helton, who said he doesn't expect significant shifts for 2016, said the sanctioning body is open to changes but he likes the idea of

letting the new structure settle.

"We never pass up an opportunity, but we're kind of locked in with the industry to give 2015 a chance to settle," Helton told USA TODAY Sports. "We've always looked at schedules and formats and race distances and so forth. I couldn't tell you of a major change that has a lot of legs under it right now, but there are a lot of models we're looking at and talking about."

NASCAR created what it called the West Coast swing by stringing together races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Phoenix International Raceway and Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., changing an early-season schedule that previously ran Daytona-Phoenix-Las Vegas-Bristol-Fontana.

NASCAR plans to put a bigger foundation under the West Coast schedule next season by staging a January media event that would focus on that three-race group.

"I think there obviously were questions about Atlanta before we went in there," Helton said. "It wasn't the greatest day (weather was bad), but we got in and got out on the weekend. It worked very well for the fans, and we had one of the biggest TV audiences we've had for that weekend. So we now know that that weekend can work. And it teed us up for the West Coast swing, which the industry has said had a good feel."

TV ratings were mixed for the West Coast races under the new scheduling. Las Vegas saw an increase in viewers from 7.2 million

in 2014 to 7.7 million, and Auto Club Speedway was up from 7.1 million to 7.3 million. But Phoenix's numbers plummeted from 8.8 million to 7.0 million.

Although most garage-area residents are careful when discussing scheduling, in part so they won't offend speedways with one or more races, there is general agreement among competitors that new venues would be welcome and that some of the tracks that host two Cup races should lose one. Dover International Speedway, Pocono Raceway, Martinsville Speedway and New Hampshire Motor Speedway sometimes come up in this context.

These are difficult waters to cross, of course. Speedways that have hosted two races for decades might struggle with one date and the lost revenue. There also are questions of conflict. Would adding a Cup race at Iowa Speedway hurt ticket sales at nearby venues such as Chicagoland Speedway and Kansas Speedway?

As senior vice president of racing operations for NASCAR, Jim Cassidy is a point man in the process. He and his staff take input from a wide variety of sources while filling the calendar.

"We're not going to please everybody, but we listen to everybody from the different cores of the sport," Cassidy told USA TODAY Sports. "We want to know what they're feeling, what they're thinking and what their desires are. It's a pretty delicate balance across the fan base and the promoter case. We find our way, but maybe not using the same path every year because of the different levels of input."

BALANCING ACT

Harvick suggested having a sort of lottery each year and picking a "wild-card" track for the Cup series to visit. Such an approach, while unlikely, would include a lot of groundwork. Speedways hosting NASCAR events, particularly the Cup series, are expected to meet certain minimums in areas such as track infrastructure, safety equipment and hotel room availability for teams and fans.

Travis Geisler, competition director for Team Penske, which fields cars for drivers Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano, said teams want a schedule that promotes growth in attendance and TV ratings. Many tracks have been removing large sections of seating, including Daytona, Charlotte Motor Speedway and Dover this year.

"I would be excited about hitting some other places. But I also know there are a lot of places that have been with us for a long time, and we have to respect what they've done for the sport, too," Geisler told USA TODAY Sports. "It's a big balancing act. There are a lot of variables and stakeholders involved. I appreciate NASCAR for being willing to talk to people and being open about what to do."

"The expectations of the fans and what's out there for entertainment possibilities has gone up, and we have to adjust to that. We need to get better to keep up with the options that are out there for people."

Pocono, which hosts Cup races in June and August, sometimes is mentioned as a sacrificial lamb when the idea of planting races at new venues is discussed. Track President Brandon Igdalsky, grandson of founder Joe Mattioli, has been aggressive in making improvements at Pocono in recent years and says talk of the track losing one of its dates has faded.

"I think we've turned the tide of how people look at us," he told USA TODAY Sports. "I haven't heard Pocono mentioned like that for a while, other than a few drivers or stragglers saying no tracks at all should have two races."

Igdalsky points to two Pocono positives: The crowds for the track's two races are vastly different, he said, and resort growth in the Pocono Mountains is adding to the track's potential.

"We have only about 20% fan duplication at the two races," he said. "Eighty percent of the August crowd will be different, mainly because kids are out of school and we get a lot more families. Also, if you look at the market, we're only an hour and a half from Philadelphia and New York, and we're within an easy drive of one-third of the United States population. There are so many people to draw from."

The recently formed Drivers Council — which includes Harvick — is likely to have at least advisory input about scheduling choices.

"I don't think one person has the answer if it's on the NASCAR side, driver side, team side. But I think we need to look at all options," sixth-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson said. "Trying to identify obviously with what is popular is the name of our game and trying to appeal to the masses and have (television) viewership."

Sanders’ youth a leg up on others

Those who know Lionel Sanders say his ability to withstand pain sets him apart. But he’s got something else going for him — his youth.

At 27, Sanders is ahead of the curve in Ironman competition. Triathletes typically might move up to an Ironman distance in their 30s with a background in the sport and dozens, if not hundreds, of races under their belts.

World-class athletes such as Andreas Raelert, Javier Gomez, Jan Frodeno, Sebastien Kienle, Andy Potts have Sanders’ respect, but now he doesn’t feel out of place in their company.

“They’re very close to their ceiling, and Lionel’s close to being competitive with them,” says Gary Hutchinson, a close friend and adviser to Sanders, “but I think Lionel’s really far away

from his ceiling.”

Adds Sean Bechtel, who has trained with Sanders, “In theory, he should still have a lot more to go, which is scary.”

Sanders’ youth likely will give him several opportunities to compete in the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii. He’ll face athletes who have been there five to 10 times and with many more races under their

belts. Still, his coach, Barrie Shepley, thinks he has plenty of opportunity to be a factor.

“It’s disrespectful to make arrogant comment that we’re going to go there and we’re going to win this. What is not arrogant is to say that all of the data suggest that he is a major factor for that race,” Shepley says. “Psychologically, he was made for that race. Physically, he was made for that race.

“He’s been on the course. He loves it. He loves the heat, loves the wind, loves everything about it.

“At 27 years of age, he might have the chance to race that more times as a pro than virtually almost any other man, because most of the guys don’t start until they’re in their 30s.”

Rachel Axon

Sanders stays on path by training

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with eyes ahead to the Ironman World Championships in Kona in October. For a man who signed up for his first Ironman in 2010 on a lark as he struggled to overcome addiction, the chance to compete in that race (and with a good chance to contend for a podium spot) is a remarkable reminder to his path here.

FAST AND TENACIOUS

Growing up in Harrow, Ontario, a town of 3,000 about an hour southeast of Detroit, Sanders always was a good athlete. By high school, he was one of the best runners in the province, even if his heart wasn’t in it.

Sanders and his lone high school teammate would sometimes find ways to cheat in practice, running until they got out of their coaches’ sight and then walking. The motivation he lacked in practice faded in races, and his parents and high school coach recall an Ontario championship meet in his sophomore year when he ran with one shoe after losing the other in the mud less than a kilometer in. Running through a forest and over stones, Sanders finished in the top 30.

“His strongest attribute I guess would be tenacity of mind,” says Dale Larson, Sanders’ high school coach. “I’ve never coached anyone who had the guts. He’s the kind of guy at the end of the race he may not be as well-trained as somebody else, (but) he would foam at the mouth, literally.”

By the time Sanders went to Windsor University in 2006, he had experimented with alcohol, cigarettes and marijuana in high school. He made the honor roll his first year there, a point of pride as his drug use had increased. By his second year of college, he had decided he wanted to try ecstasy.

The dealer didn’t have any when he showed up that night, but he had cocaine. That started more than two years of addiction that led Sanders to drop out of college after his sophomore year, to hallucinations so severe he thought a pterodactyl lived in his bathroom and to depression that left him contemplating suicide.

“He was always a free bird, and he was able to do whatever he wanted to do,” says Doug Sanders, Lionel’s father, “and the cycle just sort of ate him up, you know.”

Those who know Sanders describe him as a guy who goes all in — no matter what he does. He did the same with drugs.

Doug Sanders remembers a night during this time when his son showed up at the house and cycled through every emotion — laughter, tears, anger and more — in a 15-minute span.

Although Sanders had been able to lie, deny and downplay his problem, his father knew he was no longer just smoking weed on the weekends. In fact, Lionel Sanders had been doing ecstasy before that episode and shortly after was forced to come clean to his parents about his drug use.

During the summer after Sanders’ second year at Windsor, he headed to Detroit with his friends for a concert. Anxious of being in a social situation, he downed a bunch of whiskey and became so out of control — trying to jump out of the vehicle while it was on the highway, banging his head against the window, vomiting and passing out — that his friends called his mother, Becky.

She had no idea what reaction her son, then 20, would have to detox, where he would find older men who were addicted to even



ANDREW WEBER, USA TODAY SPORTS

Lionel Sanders is rising through the Ironman ranks after battling substance abuse issues. He placed fourth in the North American Ironman Championships in 2014.



ANDREW WEBER, USA TODAY SPORTS

Lionel Sanders’ weakest event is swimming, but he often makes up on time on the running and biking legs of the race.

harder drugs.

“I think it’s just like a dead-end street,” said Becky Sanders, who is a nurse like Lionel’s father. “So it was great when I brought him to detox and the guys there said, ‘You know what? There are great guys who have been in situations in the past. It’s not too late for him.’”

After his stay, Sanders’ parents cut off the student loans he had been using to pay for his drug use and he dropped out of college.

Drug-filled nights with friends came with questions in the back of Sanders’ mind. Guys who were chummy one minute went to blows the next when the cocaine ran out.

When he didn’t have money for cocaine, Sanders tried Molly, even though he didn’t know what it was (it’s a form of ecstasy), mushrooms and oxycontin and was boiling NyQuil pills down.

“I just hated myself,” he says.

SETTING A GOAL

After another night in which his friends came to blows once the Molly was gone, Sanders saw the situation through sober eyes and realized something needed to change. He started running again Nov. 5, 2009 — a date he remembers thanks to the detailed logs he has kept since.

About a month later, Sanders decided he wanted to attempt an Ironman.

He asked his mother for a credit card to cover the entry fee, and despite her skepticism Becky Sanders agreed.

“I knew he had more potential and he could do more with his life,” Becky Sanders says.

Still the new goal did not present a straight path forward. He relapsed more than once. After a night at the symphony with his mother, Sanders went to a party to play poker. By the end of the night, he had spent every dollar

to his name on cocaine and was asking whether the dealer would take credit.

“So ashamed,” Sanders says. “It’s like I’ve come so far, and I just threw it all out the window.”

Unable to live with the shame, Sanders decided suicide was the best option. He was in the garage of his friends’ house standing on a chair and with a belt around his neck when he thought of his mother. He knew she wouldn’t live with herself if he did it, so he loosened the belt and stepped down.

After that, Sanders moved in with his father and focused on his training in the nine months leading up to his race in Louisville.

Sanders’ first Ironman brought a new kind of pain. He still finished in a respectable time at just more than 10 hours, and once he got some pizza in him, he thought it might not be a bad idea to try one again.

Back home, Barrie Shepley took notice. One of the most well-respected voices in the triathlon community, Shepley was also a Harrow native and had seen Sanders run in high school.

After seeing Sanders’ results from Windsor, where Sanders had returned to school in fall 2010, Shepley reached out to Sanders and invited him to visit his C3 high performance team outside Toronto for a trial.

Sanders’ potential became clear quickly, Shepley says. Mentally, he was tougher than anyone he’d seen. And Sanders’ body could endure hard training and recover quickly.

At a camp in Tucson a few months after they started working together, Sean Bechtel, one of the best triathletes on the team, let Sanders borrow his bike to take on Mount Lemmon, a difficult climb that top cyclists and triathletes train on. Sanders went out and promptly broke Bechtel’s record.

“Almost symbolic of how he’s approached life, he just went for it,” Shepley says. “By the end of that camp, I could see how special he was.”

When they returned, Sanders moved near Toronto to train with the team and attend and compete for McMaster University.

His life began to turn. A few months after he started training with Shepley, he met MacDonald. MacDonald knew about his past but felt confident in Sanders’ path forward because he no longer put himself into situations that

led to relapse. They moved in together after a couple months.

“I knew he was never going back to that place,” MacDonald says.

PRO SUCCESS

For two years, Sanders ran in road races and duathlons. At the start of his triathlon training, his swimming was “so pathetic it didn’t make sense” to enter put him in triathlons right away, Shepley says.

With swimming still his weakest leg by far, Sanders quickly developed on the bike and built on his running ability.

In 2013, he made his pro debut at Muskoka 70.3 — a race he went on to win with Ironman legend Andreas Raelert in the field.

If that announced his arrival as a contender among top pro male triathletes, 2014 proved to be his breakout year. He won 70.3 races in Muncie, Ind., Racine, Wis., and Benton Harbor, Mich. He racked up three other top-five finishes.

And the races in which he didn’t do well, he learned from.

Sanders was part of a stacked field for the 70.3 World Championships in Mont Tremblant, Quebec. He was the last pro man out of the water. He climbed his way into 14th after the bike leg and ran his way into fourth. He was short of the podium but elated. The top three finishers included Javier Gomez, who won a silver medal in the London Olympics and multiple world championship medals; Jan Frodeno, who won Olympic gold in Beijing; and Tim Don, also a world champion.

Sanders didn’t belong up there that day, but his time as their peers was coming.

Sanders ended his season with Ironman Florida, where rough conditions caused organizers to cancel the swim. Sanders won by nearly 20 minutes. Several hours later, in the dark of night, he hung a medal around Becky Sanders’ neck. The next day he proposed to MacDonald.

“I felt so strong afterwards, and then to come full circle and win one and feel good actually — when I finished that race, I didn’t feel bad — it was cool,” Sanders says.

Sanders and MacDonald have moved back to Windsor, where Sanders does almost all of his training on a treadmill and CompuTrainer in their spare bedroom. (After being hit four times by cars on the road, Sanders is not eager to train outdoors.) Dubbed the pain cave, the spare room also often has a heater and humidifier to simulate conditions he’ll likely face in Hawaii.

Becky Sanders and MacDonald will join him for the Mont-Tremblant Ironman in August, Lionel Sanders’ final warm-up before Kona.

Sanders’ goal is ultimately to win in Kona. Already, he trained there last year and rode the course in some of the fastest times Shepley has seen.

“A kid in a town of 2,000 without a spotlight is going to go against Ironman champions,” Shepley says. “He’s young as hell, and it’s only upside for him, and now we just need a little bit of good luck.”

Sanders’ growth continues. This year after mismanaging the bike leg in Oceanside 70.3, he learned not to be emotional and stick to his strategy.

He won his next race in Galveston, where he got two flat tires the year before.

His fourth-place finish in the North American Ironman Championships taught him the value of hydration and replenishing electrolytes — he was so dehydrated he lost 10% of his body weight and needed two hours to rehydrate before he could be drug tested — and he has diligently tracked his sweat output and weight since.

He took those lessons from Texas and returned to win the Mont-Tremblant 70.3 last month.

“It was very redeeming not only to perform well, but to have implemented the lesson that I learned,” Sanders says. “I would 100% say that has been what has allowed me to progress so quickly.”

WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES

EX-NHL PLAYERS STOKES COMPETITIVE FIRE

Hockey tournament invites firefighters and police officers

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ASHBURN, VA. Former Stanley Cup champion Steve Kelly always wanted to use his hockey skills to face off against criminals.

He had family in law enforcement, and the profession offered the camaraderie and teamwork he enjoyed in the NHL. As it turns out, being a police officer allows him to lace up his skates every now and again.

Kelly is one of several former NHL players participating in the 2015 World Police and Fire Games (WPGF) this week. The biennial games are made up of 12,000 first responders from 70 countries competing for gold medals in more than 61 sports played at 53 venues in Maryland and Northern Virginia, just outside Washington. In hockey, at least, the competitive atmosphere in games between police and firefighters is no joke.

“It’s no different than when I was playing,” said Kelly, who became a cop six years ago and plays for the Calgary Cowboys of Canada. “They’re a bunch of guys that are take-charge sort of people. ... You get out on the ice, and everyone is competitive and guys want to win.”

That is just one similarity be-

tween the two professions, said Kelly, who was a member of the 2000 Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils.

“When you get in that police atmosphere, that fire atmosphere, I’m sure the military ... you’re used to that team atmosphere. And in policing that’s exactly what it’s like,” Kelly told USA TODAY Sports. “You work with a partner and a team, and that’s kind of your group.”

The NHL Alumni Association helps support players who hope to be first responders with the Breakaway Program, which partners former players with experienced first responders in a mentorship program, said Wendy McCreary, the program’s senior director.

Brad Ference, formerly of the Florida Panthers, took advantage of the program and is now a Calgary firefighter.

“A lot of guys after professional sports don’t know what to do with themselves,” Ference said after the Calgary Fire beat Quebec 4-1 in the semifinal of the WPGF. “You’ve done one thing your whole life. You’re just constantly playing hockey.”

When he is competing at the WPGF, it’s almost as if he’s traveling back in time to his playing days. Ference plays alongside three other ex-NHL players, including former Chicago Black-

hawk Chris Herperger and former Washington Capitals Garrett Stroshein and Todd Ford.

Like an NHL game, the semifinal came with a few scuffles.

“Everybody’s got a competitive nature, usually it’s A-type personalities with firemen and policemen,” Ference said.

Even though he occasionally runs into burning homes, he said he still gets more nervous for hockey games.

But he echoed Kelly when talking about the correlations of the team-oriented professions.

“You support each other,” Ference said. “There’s always one guy on the team that is the brains of the operation — that might be the pump operator. And then there’s a guy who’s lugging the hose — that might be the strongest guy. And then there’s a guy overseeing the operation — that might be a coach.”

And though Ference makes a living putting out flames, one fire has been burning from his professional hockey days: the desire to defeat a rival.

With the semifinal win, his team moved on to play the Moscow police from Russia, who defeated the Calgary Fire in the WPGF hockey championship in New York in 2011. The final is Wednesday.

“This is big,” Ference said. “This is all I got right?”



JEFF VINNICK, GETTY IMAGES

Brad Ference now skates for the Calgary Fire, a team of firefighters competing in the World Police and Fire Games.

FOR THE RECORD

WOMEN’S WORLD CUP

All times ET

SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, June 30

At Montreal

United States 2, Germany 0

Wednesday, July 1

At Edmonton, Alberta

Japan vs. England, 7 p.m.

THIRD PLACE

Saturday, July 4

At Edmonton, Alberta

Germany vs. Japan-England loser, 4 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, July 5

At Vancouver, British Columbia

United States vs. Japan-England winner, 7 p.m.

United States	0	2	—	2
Germany	0	0	—	0

First half—None.

Second half—1, United States, Carli Lloyd 3, 69th minute, penalty kick. 2, United States, Kelley O’Hara 1, 84th.

Shots—United States 11, Germany 15.

Shots On Goal—United States 5, Germany 1.

Missed Penalty Kick—Germany, Celia Sasic, 60th.

Yellow Cards—United States, Becky Sauerbrunn, 38th; Julie Johnston, 59th. Germany, Leonie Maier, 34th; Albon, Romania, 67th.

Offsides—United States 1, Germany 1.

Fouls Committed—United States 9, Germany 12.

Fouls Against—United States 12, Germany 9.

Corner Kicks—United States 8, Germany 4.

Referee—Teodora Albon, Romania. Assistant Referees—Petru Iugulescu, Romania; Maria Suknikova, Slovakia.

A—51,176.

Lineups

United States: Hope Solo; Ali Krieger, Julie Johnston, Becky Sauerbrunn, Meghan Klingenberg; Tobin Heath (Kelley O’Hara, 75th), Morgan Brian, Megan Rapinoe (Abby Wambach, 80th), Carli Lloyd; Lauren Holiday, Alex Morgan (Sydney Leroux, 90th, injury time).

Germany: Nadine Angerer; Leonie Maier, Annike Krahn, Saskia Bartusiak, Tabea Kemme; Lena Goessling, Melanie Leupolz, Simone Laudehr; Anja Mittag (Dzenifer Marozsan, 77th), Alexandra Popp, Celia Sasic.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

D.C. United	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N. England	6	7	6	24	25	26
Toronto FC	7	6	2	23	22	19
New York	6	5	5	23	22	20
Orlando City	6	6	5	23	22	21
Columbus	5	6	6	21	25	25
Philadelphia	5	10	4	18	22	32
Montreal	5	6	3	18	19	23
NV City FC	4	8	5	17	18	22
Chicago	4	9	2	14	17	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	10	6	2	32	22	17
Portland	9	7	2	29	24	18
Los Angeles	6	4	4	28	21	20
Sporting KC	7	6	7	28	27	23
FC Dallas	7	3	6	27	25	17
San Jose	7	5	5	26	21	23
San Jose	7	5	4	25	19	16
Salt Lake	5	6	7	22	17	22
Houston	5	7	5	20	21	23
Colorado	2	6	9	15	12	17

Friday, July 3

Chicago at Houston, 9 p.m.

D.C. United at Seattle, 11 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Connecticut	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	7	3	.875	
Chicago	5	4	.556	2½
New York	5	4	.556	2½
Atlanta	4	6	.400	4
Indiana	3	6	.333	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Tulsa	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	8	1	.889	
Phoenix	3	5	.375	4½
San Antonio	2	6	.250	5½
Seattle	2	7	.222	6
Los Angeles	0	7	.000	7

Tuesday’s Games

Indiana at Connecticut, late

New York at Chicago, late

Tulsa at Seattle, late

San Antonio at Phoenix, late

Wednesday’s Games

No games scheduled

TENNIS

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Singles

Men

First Round

Alexandr Dolgoplov, Ukraine, def. Kyle Edmund, Britain, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 6-2.

Roberto Bautista Agut (20), Spain, def. Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, 6-1, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

Benoit Paire, France, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

Andreas Seppi (25), Italy, def. Brydan Klein, Britain, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Ivo Karlovic (23), Croatia, def. Elias Ymer, Sweden, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

James Duckworth, Australia, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 7-6 (2), 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 7-5.

Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia, def. Facundo Bagnis, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, def. Denis Isomkin, Uzbekistan, 6-2, 6-2, 3-2, retired.

Sam Groth, Australia, def. Jack Sock (31), United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Fabio Fognini (30), Italy, def. Tim Smyczek, United States, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, d. D. Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.

Rafael Nadal (10), Spain, def. Thomas Bellucci, Brazil, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

Viktor Troicki (22), Serbia, def. Aleksandr Nedovyesov, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Sam Querrey, United States, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (13), France, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 7-6 (8), 6-7 (3), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Feliciano Lopez (15), Spain, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 7-6 (5).

Gilles Simon (12), France, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli, Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

Borna Coric, Croatia, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 1-6, 9-7.

Vasek Pospisil, Canada, def. Vincent Millot, France, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-2.

Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Alejandro Faralla, Colombia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Lukas Rosal, Czech Republic, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 7-6 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (29), Spain, 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Gael Monfils (18), France, def. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 6-7 (4), 6-0, 6-4, 6-1.

Aljaz Bedene, Britain, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 7-5, 1-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

James Ward, Britain, def. Luca Vanni, Italy, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-2, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5).

BASEBALL

International League (AAA)

Tuesday’s Games

Norfolk 2, Charlotte 1

Durham at Toledo

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre at Lehigh Valley

Syracuse at Louisville

Gwinnett at Buffalo

Pawtucket at Rochester

Columbus at Indianapolis

Wednesday’s Games

Durham at Toledo, 12 p.m.

Columbus at Indianapolis, 1:35 p.m.

Pawtucket at Rochester, 1:35 p.m.

Charlotte at Norfolk, 1:05 p.m.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre at Lehigh Valley, 7:05 p.m.

Gwinnett at Buffalo, 7:05 p.m.

Syracuse at Louisville, 7:05 p.m.

Monday’s Games

Rochester 6, Pawtucket 0, comp. of susp. game.

Toledo 4, Durham 1

Rochester 3, Pawtucket 0, 7 innings

Columbus 6, Indianapolis 1

Gwinnett 2, Buffalo 1

Charlotte 6, Norfolk 2

Lehigh Valley 8, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 1

Syracuse 5, Louisville 0

Pacific Coast League (AAA)

Tuesday’s Games

New Orleans at Omaha, comp. of susp. game.

Oklahoma City at Memphis

New Orleans at Omaha

Colorado Springs at Nashville

Round Rock at Iowa

Fresno at El Paso

Las Vegas at Tacoma

Reno at Albuquerque

Salt Lake at Sacramento

Wednesday’s Games

Colorado Springs at Nashville, 8:05 p.m.

New Orleans at Omaha, 8:05 p.m.

Round Rock at Iowa, 8:05 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8:05 p.m.

Reno at Albuquerque, 9:05 p.m.

Fresno at El Paso, 9:05 p.m.

Salt Lake at Sacramento, 10:05 p.m.

Las Vegas at Tacoma, 10:05 p.m.

Monday’s Games

New Orleans 2, Iowa 1, 12 innings

Omaha 5, Round Rock 3

Memphis 1, Colorado Springs 0

Nashville 4, Oklahoma City 2, 5 innings

Salt Lake 7, Albuquerque 2

El Paso 14, Tacoma 1

Reno 7, Fresno 2

Sacramento 14, Las Vegas 7

Eastern League (AA)

Tuesday’s Games

Altoona at Trenton

New Hampshire at Portland

Women

First Round

Angelique Kerber (10), Germany, def. Carina Witthoef, Germany, 6-0, 6-0.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4), 6-2.

Elena Svitolina (17), Ukraine, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Kurumi Nara, Japan, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 3-6, 6-3, 4-3, retired.

Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-7 (5), 7-5.

Garbine Muguruza (20), Spain, def. Yaroslava Lepchenko, United States, 6-4, 6-1.

Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-2, 6-2.

Petra Kvitova (2), Czech Republic, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-0.

Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-4, 6-4.

Heather Watson, Britain, def. Caroline Garcia (32), France, 1-6, 6-3, 8-6.

Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, def. Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.

Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.

Guan Ying-Ying, China, def. Eugenie Bouchard (12), Canada, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Agnieszka Radwanska (13), Poland, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.

Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Simona Halep (3), Romania, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Tereza Smitkova, Czech Republic, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Jelena Jankovic (28), Serbia, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-4, 3-6, 10-8.

Svetlana Kuznetsova (26), Russia, def. Laura Siegemund, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

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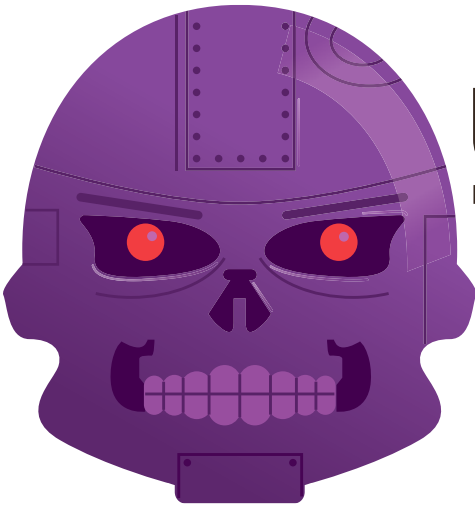
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MAKING WAVES

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner have split after 10 years of marriage. "After much thought and careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to divorce," the couple said in a joint statement issued Tuesday by their publicists, Shawn Sachs and Meredith O'Sullivan Wasson. "We go forward with love and friendship for one another and a commitment to co-parenting our children whose privacy we ask to be respected during this difficult time." They said this will be their only comment "on this private, family matter." The couple have three children, two daughters and one son, ages 3 to 9. Their 10th wedding anniversary was Monday.

HOW WAS YOUR DAY?

BAD DAY
DONALD TRUMP

Hot on the heels of being dumped by NBC, Trump has been dumped once again because of comments about Mexican immigrants. This time, it's Miss USA co-host Cheryl Burke who says she's out of his pageant. "In light of the recent statements made by Donald Trump and the subsequent decision by NBC to cut ties with Mr. Trump, I cannot in good conscience move forward with participating in this year's Miss USA Pageant as its co-host," Burke told USA TODAY in a statement.



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Cheryl Burke withdraws.



STYLE STAR

Jenna Dewan-Tatum shows you don't have to bare all to look sexy. The actress sizzled in a Zuhair Murad jumpsuit and Brian Atwood platform sandals at the premiere of 'Magic Mike XXL' Tuesday in London.

Compiled by Cindy Clark

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SNEAK PEEK **CREED**



'CREED' GIVES

ROCKY NEW LIFE

This time, the Italian Stallion's fight isn't in the ring as he finds himself in a different corner

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After six movies, Sylvester Stallone thought he'd finally retired Rocky Balboa's boxing gloves. Then Ryan Coogler and Michael B. Jordan came into his life and helped put the pop-culture icon back in the ring like never before.

Written and directed by Coogler (*Fruitvale Station*), the drama *Creed* (in theaters Nov. 25) switches the spotlight from "the Italian Stallion" to Adonis Johnson (*Fantastic Four*'s Michael B. Jordan), the son of Rocky's rival Apollo Creed. Adonis never knew his dad — played by Carl Weathers in the first four *Rocky* films — before he died in the ring but now is on a quest to find himself as well as his father.

Adonis reaches out to Rocky to train him to compete, yet Rocky rebuffs him at first. "There's a tremendous guilt factor, too, because Apollo died in his arms," Stallone says.

But Rocky also sees a hint of that same "eye of the tiger" in Adonis that Apollo instilled in him that helped save Rocky professionally and emotionally.



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Get a preview of the boxing action in *Rocky* offshoot *Creed*.

"He's not at peace with himself, and the specter of his father looms large over him," Stallone says. "So he wants to get out of that shadow, and Rocky's there to help him do that."

The first, Oscar-winning *Rocky* picture in 1976 put Stallone, 68, on the map in Hollywood, but he decided that the sixth installment, 2006's *Rocky Balboa*, would be when he finally put the Philadelphia puncher aside. "I said: 'This is it. Say goodbye to the best friend you ever had.' It was bittersweet."

Coogler, a *Rocky* aficionado from childhood, reached out to Stallone with an idea not for *Rocky VII* but instead a movie focusing on a supporting character in his world.

"Sly's many things, but he's definitely not an easy sell," says Coogler, who ultimately convinced him that this radical departure from the franchise was worthy and wouldn't tamper with the *Rocky* legacy.

Adonis (Michael B. Jordan, top) never saw his father Apollo (Carl Weathers) fight.

Jordan gets ready to rumble

How he went old-school, minus the raw eggs **2D**

initely not an easy sell," says Coogler, who ultimately convinced him that this radical departure from the franchise was worthy and wouldn't tamper with the *Rocky* legacy.

Adds Stallone: "It was a matter of just buying into the concept totally."

Creed finds both Rocky and Adonis at a time of intense loneliness, Coogler says. The retired boxer's son has moved away, and there's no one left. "Rocky's kind of like the older guys you see at the park playing chess, except he's got nobody to play chess with."

Instead of Clubber Lang or Ivan Drago, this time Rocky is fighting his own mortality. "There is no ring involved — this is reality," Stallone says.

Yet he gets a new lease on his boxing life as a father figure to Adonis the same way his trainer Mickey (the late Burgess Meredith) was to Rocky early in his championship career.

"It makes sense in this theme of fathers and sons," Coogler says. "Our movie is very much based around (the idea) that Rocky would basically become Mickey."

But while Mickey was bitter and never achieved anything in his lifetime, "Rocky had achieved far beyond his dreams," Stallone says. "He's sitting in his mental rocking chair, waiting for his time to come."

"The last thing he expected was this young man to come in and turn his world upside down."

MOVIES

Schwarzenegger looks to get better with age

'Terminator,' other reboots show he's 'old but not obsolete'

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LOS ANGELES James Bond. Batman. Spider-Man. In Hollywood, even these characters are played by a revolving cast of actors.

Yet when Arnold Schwarzenegger throws back his hood in *Terminator Genisys* (in theaters Wednesday), audiences will see the same actor who famously uttered "I'll be back" in 1984's original *The Terminator*.

"It's not just a Terminator 30 years later," Schwarzenegger, 67, says of the role that propelled him to superstardom. "It's the same Arnold being asked to come back as the same Terminator."

Impressive, but clarifications are in order. For starters, he's not the same killing machine in *Genisys*. The fifth film in the franchise has Schwarzenegger as a Terminator programmed to protect Sarah Connor (*Game of Thrones*' Emilia Clarke), the heroine he originally was sent to kill.

Obviously, the human Schwarzenegger has aged over the years.



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The Terminator (Arnold Schwarzenegger) programmed protect Sarah in Terminator Genisys, is covered by aging human flesh.

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Arnold Schwarzenegger teaches reporter Bryan Alexander how to walk like a Terminator.

The *Genisys* explanation is that fallible human flesh covers the Terminator's killer exoskeleton. It leads to the repeated line "Old but not obsolete," which Schwarzenegger takes to heart.

"It's a great line — it's as true as it could be," he says. "With age, wisdom comes, and you can make better decisions."

This hard-fought wisdom was on display last week when Schwarzenegger broke his silence on *The Howard Stern Show* about his split from Maria Shriver after 25 years of marriage and four children (Katherine, 25; Christina, 23; Patrick, 21; and Christopher, 17). That came after revelations in 2011 that he had another child, now 17, with the family's housekeeper.

"Clearly, as a husband I failed," he says.

Schwarzenegger has set goals for his family life. "When I do something, I always go all-out.

Terminator, use your words

Which 'Genisys' catchphrase will join our list of Arnold's most memorable lines? **2D**
'Genisys' review, **4D**

And I want to be a 10. Not that I am always a 10."

His role as a father remains solid, he says. "I just am very fortunate about my partnership with the kids and Maria and with everyone. ... We have a great relationship, all of us."

His post-politics career is in need of a hit after failed endeavors such as 2013's *The Last Stand* and *Escape Plan*.

"This film is very important to his career and his body of work," says *Genisys* director Alan Taylor. "But he applies himself absolutely to everything he does."

Genisys is the first in a string of franchise reboots Schwarzenegger has brewing, including the comedy *Triplets* (following 1988's hit *Twins*) and *The Legend of Conan* (1982's *Conan the Barbarian*).

"I'm happy with my career," he says. "And also that I'm able to get up when I fail. Losers stay down. Winners get up, dust themselves off and march on."

MOVIES



“Hasta la vista, baby.”

TRI STAR PICTURES

Schwarzenegger’s heavy accent boosts the repeat-ability of lines such as the one from 1991’s *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*.

“It’s my Austrian accent trying to say a Spanish line,” he says. “People think it’s funny.”

The line is a favorite he pulls out for speeches or when he’s asked to wish strangers a happy birthday.

“You just say ‘Happy Birthday, Charlie — hasta la vista, baby.’ People enjoy that. It’s great stuff.”



“Get to the choppa.”

STEVE TAYLOR,
20TH CENTURY FOX

Schwarzenegger is intrigued by response to his 1987 *Predator* line urging movement to the helicopter. The line has gained new life long after the film’s release.

“The weird thing is, 10 years ago, no one said that,” he says. “It’s a new generation that finds it funny the way I say ‘chopper.’”

“Now I’ll go through a crowd and hear people screaming behind me, ‘Get to the choppa!’ It’s an Arnold classic now.”

SCHWARZENEGGER STILL WIELDS THOSE KILLER LINES

Three words: “I’ll be back.”

Arnold Schwarzenegger made that declaration in 1984’s *The Terminator*, cementing his reputation for killer one-liners.

“The funny thing about it is, whenever I say a line, we don’t have the foggiest idea if that will be repeated,” Schwarzenegger says.

But his lines are heavily circulated on the Internet, largely because of the Austrian actor’s unique, even odd, delivery.

USA TODAY’s **Bryan Alexander** rounds up a handful of the classic catchphrases.



MGM HOME ENTERTAINMENT

“To crush your enemies ...”

Schwarzenegger laid the great-lines groundwork in his 1982 breakthrough, *Conan the Barbarian*, when his warlord character is asked what’s best in life.

In a variation of a famous quote attributed to Genghis Khan, Schwarzenegger’s Conan responds: “To crush your enemies, to see them driven before you, and to hear the lamentations of their women.”

Fans, even Schwarzenegger, roll right through the line still. “It really started with Conan,” Schwarzenegger says. “It’s not politically correct. But Conan can say it. It’s based on a pagan time.”



HEAR THE LINES
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Arnold Schwarzenegger recites the catchphrases and tells the backstories.



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“I’ll be back.”

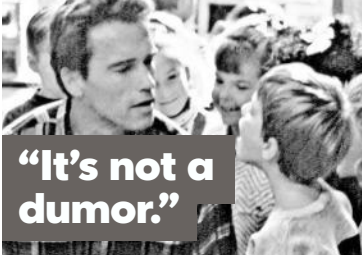
The iconic action line was a source of contention between Schwarzenegger and director James Cameron.

“We kept arguing. I said a machine would never abbreviate. I wanted to say ‘I will be back,’ ” Schwarzenegger says. “But, of course, the line is one of the most quoted lines in movie history. So that’s really wild.”

It ranks No. 37 among the American Film Institute’s 100 greatest movie quotes.

Schwarzenegger had doubts about repurposing the line in *Genisys* as his Terminator jumps from a flying helicopter.

“I felt uncomfortable. You expect it so much, it’s like, let’s come up with another one. But it works.”



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“It’s not a tumor.”

Schwarzenegger’s mispronunciation is key again when saying “tumor” in a classroom scene from 1990’s *Kindergarten Cop*.

“I said it with a ‘d,’ not a ‘t.’ And because I pronounced it wrong, all the kids were laughing like hell.”

“Bite me.”

His new “Bite me,” “Old but not obsolete” and “I’ve been waiting for you” are *Genisys* contenders for movie-line immortality.

Schwarzenegger “makes it funny, warm and alive,” says *Genisys* director Alan Taylor. “He nails it.”

Will people be quoting these in the future?

Even Schwarzenegger doesn’t want to guess: “We won’t know until people come out of the theater.”

Michael B. Jordan laces up the gloves

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To play a boxer on the rise, *Creed* star Michael B. Jordan decided against going the tried-and-true Rocky Balboa route of downing raw eggs by the carton and sparring with giant slabs of frozen meat.

“Nah, that’s old-school, man,” Jordan says, laughing. “We did things a little new-school.”

Retesting for the movie (out Nov. 25) with his *Fruitvale Station* director Ryan Coogler, the 28-year-old actor lifted weights, ran, swam, stuck to a restricted diet and was disciplined about chiseling his body into the best possible shape to play Adonis Johnson.

Adonis wants to take after his legendary father, Apollo Creed (played in the *Rocky* movies by Carl Weathers), in the ring, a mythic figure who died before his son’s birth. He’s conflicted in that he wants to be out from his famous father’s shadow but is driven by the same passions that come genetically.

Adonis’ back story “isn’t what you would expect,” Coogler says, and when audiences meet him, he has a complicated relationship “with his father and with the world of boxing.”

‘TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS’

The up-and-coming pugilist reaches out to his pop’s old friend Rocky (Sylvester Stallone) to train him. There’s definitely an adjustment period for the two.

“They come from two different worlds, two different generations,” Jordan says. “A lot of baggage on both ends, as you would imagine from *Rocky IV*.”

Coogler’s father, a major inspiration for the director in tackling this passion project, introduced him to the *Rocky* films when he was a kid, and the filmmaker says he was “guttled” by Apollo’s death in *Rocky IV* at the hands of Russian powerhouse Ivan Drago (Dolph Lundgren).

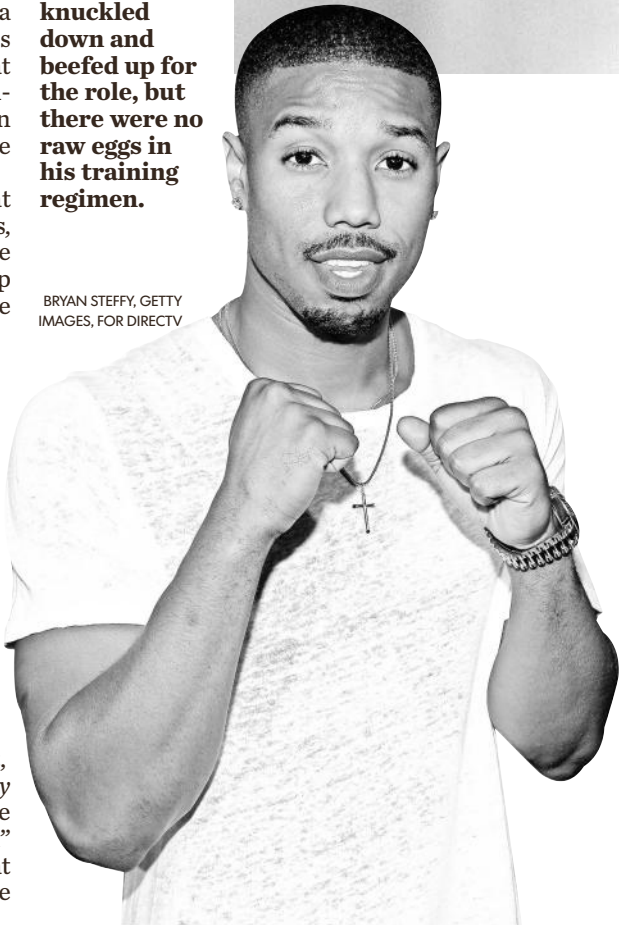
With ‘Creed,’ he’ll bring the ‘Rocky’ legacy to a new generation

Jordan knuckled down and beefed up for the role, but there were no raw eggs in his training regimen.

BRYAN STEFFY, GETTY IMAGES, FOR DIRECTV



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“That was a character who was built up as almost invincible and when that happened, it sucked for real,” says Coogler, 29. What he wanted to know was what happens to a guy’s family when he dies like that in such a profound and public way. “They still very much have a relationship with this person, even though they’re not necessarily around physically. And in Adonis’ case, it’s magnified because his dad was this titan in his sport.”

GOING THE DISTANCE

Coogler sees boxing as all-consuming for its competitors, even more than other sports, which is why it has attracted so many method actors — from Stallone and Robert De Niro (*Raging Bull*) to Jake Gyllenhaal (the upcoming *Southpaw*) and Jordan.

“Even if you aren’t a fan of the violence of it, it’s something everybody can appreciate because it takes so much dedication,” Coogler says. “And Mike definitely got into it.”

Throughout production, Jordan worked with real-life pro boxers to perfect his movements and in-ring performance. One of them, former British champ Tony “The Bomber” Bellew, plays Adonis’ primary nemesis, “Pretty” Ricky Conlan.

After all the training, Jordan acknowledges that he’s not too shabby. “I could handle my own, for sure. I can go to amateurs and do all right.”

Stallone is suitably impressed with his in-ring work, but the older actor considers Jordan’s acting chops as sharp as his jabs.

“Michael is a very ambitious kid, a hard worker, and I know he’s going to be the next big thing,” Stallone says.

He may be the newcomer, but Jordan respects the legacy of the *Rocky* movies.

Putting on Apollo Creed’s signature red, white and blue boxing trunks “was incredible, man,” he says. “It was one of those moments where you’re like, ‘Wow, I’m really doing it.’”

When young Adonis Johnson (Michael B. Jordan) wants to fill the shoes of his legendary father, Apollo Creed, Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) throws his hat into the ring.

TELEVISION

High-concept series carry high risk

Writers balance complexity and entertainment

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When it comes to TV sci-fi, it's pretty easy to get lost in space. We've all watched, and loved, that show: the brainy, high-concept thriller that started out with a whiz-bang premise, only to get too caught up in its convoluted mysteries in later episodes and seasons. It's a problem that has sullied even the most fanatically beloved adventures, as dramas such as Fox's *Sleepy Hollow*, ABC's *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* and CBS' *Extant* all have had stakes rise but viewership dip after high-rated starts.

Whether it's a town trapped in a supernatural force field (CBS' *Under the Dome*) or a woman who unearths a clone conspiracy (BBC America's *Orphan Black*), "once you see what the hook is, it's like, 'Well, what's next?'" says TV historian Tim Brooks. "A normal sitcom or drama can evolve because the people evolve. But a show that starts with a very strong hook or an unnatural situation, it's hard to take someplace else."

Such was the case with Fox's *The X-Files* (canceled in 2002 after nine seasons) and NBC's *Heroes* (in 2010 after four) — both of which became convoluted in later episodes and will return as event series next season. Similarly, on ABC, *Lost*'s popularity declined after stretching past its initial concept, juggling alternate timelines and religious allegories in its polarizing final run.

"*Lost* fans started to rebel, because the rules were like The Island — they just kept moving and changing," says Elizabeth Kruger, an executive producer on Halle Berry's futuristic drama, *Extant*. In sci-fi especially, "fans really hold your feet to the fire."

But you don't always have to



JAMES DITTIGER, TNT

Falling Skies, with Megan Danso, Noah Wyle and Treva Etienne, has embraced its sci-fi niche.



BROWNIE HARRIS, CBS

Under the Dome, with Dean Norris, has broadened its scope.

tell TV creators they've run amok. *Orphan Black* recently wrapped its third season on a surprisingly tidy note — abandoning the cliffhanger endings of its previous two finales and opting for more revelations about the origins of the Leda clones (all played by Tatiana Maslany).

"We wanted to leave the audience with more answers, mainly because it was important for us to have a feeling of wanting to re-

anchor the show," says co-creator John Fawcett. Going into the next season, "we don't have as many balls in the air, because the show did kind of become complex (with) the story we were telling in Season 3. We knew that we had to answer a lot of stuff and then have a little 'begin again' moment in Season 4."

Writers of *Under the Dome* found themselves in a similar predicament embarking on its



ROBERT VOETS, CBS

Molly (Halle Berry) has a new foil in *Extant*'s second season.

third season, which kicked off last week (Thursdays, 10 p.m. ET/PT) and found residents of Chester's Mill outside the dome in a *Matrix*-like flash-forward.

"It's a challenging dance you have to do. You don't just want to keep things hanging and hanging," says executive producer Neal Baer. "This year, in the first several episodes, we tell exactly where the dome is from, how it got there and what the circumstances were for it to come down. We felt like now it's time to tell everyone, but ... we needed to create new mysteries and reasons

to keep watching."

And that's where things get tricky. Since *Dome* premiered to record-breaking ratings in 2013, it has moved past its Stephen King source material as it has been renewed for more seasons, receiving mostly negative reviews.

Extant also received mixed reactions during its first run last summer, which it may be able to improve upon when it returns for Season 2 tonight (10 ET/PT). The premiere picks up with astronaut Molly Woods' (Berry) mental stability in question as she teams with "cop of the future" J.D. Richter (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) to investigate a series of deaths. Expanding the show with a new ally in Richter, "we've done a great job of just going for it; laying things out in an exciting way," creator Mickey Fisher says.

Extant's writers aren't afraid of going off the rails. "There aren't really many rails (when) you're creating a world," Kruger says. Instead, their main focus is heightening relationships and deepening characters' back stories, because "you won't care about all the battle sequences in the world if you don't care about the people in them."

And ultimately, you just have to accept that sci-fi will never have the broad appeal of your average courtroom or hospital drama. David Eick (*Battlestar Galactica*, *Caprica*) is now an executive producer on TNT's *Falling Skies* (Sundays, 10 p.m. ET/PT) and says he didn't sweat the alien-invasion drama's niche appeal going into its fifth and final season.

"One of the great stress points of science fiction has always been: How 'inside baseball' do you allow the show to become vs. how 'newcomer-proof' to make it?" Eick says. The "deeper you go into any show and the longer it's on the air, the more inside baseball it's bound to become."

"But that's always the rub with sci-fi: One person's rich, complicated allegory is to another person like watching paint dry."

PRIME-TIME NIELSEN RATINGS

BEYOND THE NUMBERS

THE NEWS BEHIND THE RATINGS

BY BILL KEVENEY

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CABLE EVENTS

Disney Channel's *Teen Beach 2* attracted **5.8 MILLION** viewers Friday, making it the most-watched cable movie of 2015. CNN's *Glen Campbell ... I'll Be Me*, which chronicled the singer's life, reached an audience of **2.8 MILLION**. The *BET Awards* drew **6.3 MILLION** Sunday, down from last year's BET ceremony.

INAUGURAL BOWS

Among series premieres, USA Network's *Mr. Robot* reached **1.8 MILLION** viewers Wednesday; new Fox game show *Boom!* opened to **2.5 MILLION** Thursday; and AMC's *Humans* attracted **1.7 MILLION** humans Sunday.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Several series returned with season openers, including CBS' *Big Brother*, **6.9 MILLION** on Wednesday; CBS' *Under the Dome*, **6.3 MILLION** on Thursday; and TNT's *Falling Skies*, **2 MILLION** on Sunday. On the finale side, Showtime's *Nurse Jackie* ended its seven-season run with **835,000**.

Julie Chen is back in the *Big* house.

FREDERICK M. BROWN, GETTY IMAGES

TOP 10 TWEETED-ABOUT PROGRAMS OF THE WEEK

Show	Tweets	Unique audience
1 <i>BET Awards</i> (BET, Sun.)	7,381,000	9,004,000
2 <i>The Bachelorette</i> (ABC, Mon.)	107,000	2,242,000
3 <i>Pretty Liars</i> (ABC Family, Tue.)	142,000	1,878,000
4 <i>Big Brother</i> (CBS, Wed.)	115,000	1,674,000
5 <i>True Detective</i> (HBO, Sun.)	29,000	1,497,000
6 <i>WWE Raw</i> (USA, Mon.)	135,000	1,262,000
7 <i>Celeb Family Feud</i> (ABC, Sun.)	14,000	1,127,000
8 <i>Big Brother</i> (CBS, Thu.)	74,000	956,000
9 <i>Bellator MMA Live</i> (Spike, Fri.)	13,000	949,000
10 <i>Love & Hip Hop</i> (VH1, Mon.)	165,000	910,000

Data from week ending June 28; unique audience measures relevant tweets until 5 a.m. local time the day after telecast for new prime-time and late-night programs except sports. Source: Nielsen

THE NETWORK RATINGS RACE, WEEK BY WEEK ENDING JUNE 28

(in millions)

SEASON TO DATE (in millions)

	CBS	NBC	ABC	FOX	UNI	CW
Total viewers	10.5	8.2	7.8	5.6	2.8	2.0
Ages 18-49	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.3	1.4	1.0

NIGHT-BY-NIGHT RATINGS

LEGEND: VIEWERS = IN MILLIONS (*) = NIELSEN RATINGS TIE (R) = REPEAT EPISODE (S)=SPECIAL BROADCAST SOURCE: NIELSEN

Time Program Viewers Rank Season to date

MONDAY, June 22

8:00	<i>The Bachelorette</i> (ABC)	6.6	8	7.4
	<i>Am. Ninja Warrior</i> (NBC)	6.0	13	7.1
	<i>2 Broke Girls</i> (CBS)(r)	4.4	*31	8.7
	<i>So You Think/Dance</i> (Fox)	3.3	*48	4.6
	<i>Amores Con Trampa</i> (Uni)	2.1	*78	2.7
	<i>The Originals</i> (CW)(r)	0.5	*103	1.7
8:30	<i>Mike & Molly</i> (CBS)(r)	4.8	*21	9.9
9:00	<i>Scorpion</i> (CBS)	4.6	*27	12.6
	<i>Lo Imperdonable</i> (Uni)	2.5	*66	2.6
	<i>Jane the Virgin</i> (CW)(r)	0.5	*103	1.5
9:59	<i>NCIS: Los Angeles</i> (CBS)(r)	6.2	*10	11.3
10:01	<i>The Whispers</i> (ABC)	3.9	*39	
	<i>Island: Bear Grylls</i> (NBC)	3.2	*50	4.1
10:03	<i>Que Te Perdono Dios</i> (Uni)	2.6	*60	2.7

TUESDAY, June 23

8:00	<i>America's Got Talent</i> (NBC)	11.1	1	12.2
	<i>NCIS</i> (CBS)(r)	8.8	2	17.2
	<i>Fresh Off the Boat</i> (ABC)(r)	3.1	*53	6.5
	<i>Amores Con Trampa</i> (Uni)	2.6	*60	2.8
	<i>Smarter/5th Grader</i> (Fox)	2.6	*60	3.1
	<i>The Flash</i> (CW)(r)	1.0	*95	4.4
8:30	<i>Blackish</i> (ABC)(rp)	2.3	*72	2.3
9:00	<i>NCIS: New Orleans</i> (CBS)(r)	7.4	4	16.2
	<i>Lo Imperdonable</i> (Uni)	2.6	*60	2.6
	<i>Extreme Weight Loss</i> (ABC)	2.3	*72	2.8
	<i>Funniest Home Videos</i> (Fox)(s)	1.6	*86	
	<i>IZombie</i> (CW)(r)	0.8	*100	2.5
10:00	<i>48 Hours</i> (CBS)(r)	5.9	*14	5.9
10:01	<i>I Can Do That</i> (NBC)	4.9	*19	5.9
10:03	<i>Que Te Perdono Dios</i> (Uni)	2.4	*70	2.7

WEDNESDAY, June 24

8:00	<i>Big Brother</i> (CBS)	6.9	*6	6.9
	<i>America Got Talent</i> (NBC)(rp)	5.9	*14	5.9
	<i>MasterChef</i> (Fox)	4.7	*23	5.5
	<i>The Middle</i> (ABC)(r)	4.0	*35	8.3
	<i>Amores Con Trampa</i> (Uni)	2.7	*58	2.9
	<i>Arrow</i> (CW)(r)	1.0	*95	3.2
8:30	<i>The Goldbergs</i> (ABC)(r)	3.5	*46	7.9
9:00	<i>The Briefcase</i> (CBS)	4.7	*23	5.7
	<i>Am. Ninja Warrior</i> (NBC)(r)	4.3	33	4.0
	<i>Modern Family</i> (ABC)(r)	3.8	*42	11.3
	<i>Lo Imperdonable</i> (Uni)	2.6	*60	2.6
	<i>Supernatural</i> (CW)(r)	0.8	*100	
9:01	<i>Bullseye</i> (Fox)	2.7	*58	3.2
9:31	<i>Black-ish</i> (ABC)(r)	3.2	*50	8.0
10:00	<i>Criminal Minds</i> (CBS)	5.3	18	
	<i>Celebrity Wife Swap</i> (ABC)	3.1	*53	3.6
10:03	<i>Que Te Perdono Dios</i> (Uni)	2.8	*56	2.7

THURSDAY, June 25

8:00	<i>Dateline</i> (NBC)	6.9	*6	6.5
	<i>Big Brother</i> (CBS)	6.4	9	6.4
	<i>Astronaut Wives Club</i> (ABC)	4.5	*29	5.0
	<i>Boom!</i> (Fox)	2.5	*66	2.5
	<i>Amores Con Trampa</i> (Uni)	2.4	*70	2.8
	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> (CW)	0.9	99	0.9
9:00	<i>Under the Dome</i> (CBS)	6.2	*10	
	<i>Wayward Pines</i> (Fox)	3.5	*46	
	<i>Mistresses</i> (ABC)	3.3	*48	3.6
	<i>Aquarius</i> (NBC)	3.1	*53	5.3
	<i>Lo Imperdonable</i> (Uni)	2.6	*60	2.6
	<i>Vampire Diaries</i> (CW)(r)	0.5	*103	
10:00	<i>Rookie Blue</i> (ABC)	3.8	*42	3.8
	<i>Hannibal</i> (NBC)(ind)	1.5	*89	2.3
10:03	<i>Que Te Perdono Dios</i> (Uni)	2.5	*66	2.7

FRIDAY, June 26

7:13	<i>China/USA</i> (Fox)(s)	5.7	16	
8:00	<i>Shark Tank</i> (ABC)(r)	4.1	34	8.0
	<i>The Briefcase</i> (CBS)	4.0	*35	
	<i>America's Got Talent</i> (NBC)(r)	3.9	*39	3.8
	<i>Amores Con Trampa</i> (Uni)	2.0	*80	2.6
	<i>The Last Ship</i> (CW)(s)	1.0	*95	
9:00	<i>Hawaii Five-0</i> (CBS)(r)	4.7	*23	11.0
	<i>Lo Imperdonable</i> (Uni)	2.1	*78	2.3
9:02	<i>What Would You Do?</i> (ABC)	4.0	*35	
9:34	<i>The Simpsons</i> (Fox)(sr)	1.5	*89	
10:00	<i>Blue Bloods</i> (CBS)(r)	6.2	*10	12.4
	<i>Dateline</i> (NBC)	4.9	*19	6.8
	<i>20/20</i> (ABC)	4.7	*23	7.0
10:03	<i>Que Te Perdono Dios</i> (Uni)	2.5	*66	2.6

SATURDAY, June 27

5:52	<i>Mexico/Costa Rica</i> (Uni)(s)	1.9	*82	
7:12	<i>Fox Sat. Baseball</i> (Fox)	1.9	*82	2.2
8:00	<i>Crimetime</i> (CBS)(r)	2.8	*56	3.8
	<i>Battlebots</i> (ABC)(sr)	1.9	*82	
	<i>Island: B. Grylls</i> (NBC)	1.2	*93	
9:00	<i>Crimetime</i> (CBS)(r)	3.7	45	4.2
	<i>Am. Ninja Warrior</i> (NBC)(sr)	2.3	*72	
	<i>In an Instant</i> (ABC)(r)	2.3	*72	3.3
	<i>Sabado Gigante</i> (Uni)	1.6	*86	1.9
10:00	<i>48 Hours</i> (CBS)(r)	4.5	*29	5.7

SUNDAY, June 28

7:00	<i>Dateline</i> (NBC)	4.6	*27	5.3
	<i>Celebrity Fam Feud</i> (ABC)(sr)	4.4	*31	
	<i>Aqui y Ahora</i> (Uni)	1.4	92	1.7
7:05	<i>60 Minutes</i> (CBS)(r)	7.2	5	11.9
7:38	<i>Bob's Burgers</i> (Fox)(r)	0.7	102	1.8
7:59	<i>The Simpsons</i> (Fox)(r)	1.5	*89	2.9
8:00	<i>Celebrity Family Feud</i> (ABC)	8.3	3	8.5
	<i>My Kid</i> (NBC)	3.8	*42	4.4
	<i>Me Pongo De Pie</i> (Uni)	2.0	*80	1.7
8:06	<i>Big Brother</i> (CBS)	5.6	17	5.6
8:30	<i>Brooklyn Nine-Nine</i> (Fox)(r)	1.2	*93	1.9
9:00	<i>Battlebots</i> (ABC)	4.8	*21	5.1
	<i>I Can Do That</i> (NBC)(sr)	2.3	*72	
	<i>Family Guy</i> (Fox)(r)	1.7	85	2.6
9:05	<i>Madam Secretary</i> (CBS)(r)	3.9	*39	12.7
9:30	<i>Golan</i> (Fox)	1.0	*95	1.4
10:00	<i>American Odyssey</i> (NBC)	2.2	77	3.9
10:01	<i>Castle</i> (ABC)(r)	3.2	*50	10.6
	<i>Sal y Pimenta</i> (Uni)	1.6	*86	2.1
10:05	<i>CSI</i> (CBS)(r)	4.0	*35	9.7

NETWORK TOP 20

Feud features Steve Harvey and Dancing pro Karina Smirnoff. ADAM TAYLOR, ABC

Viewers (millions)

1 <i>America's Got Talent</i> (Tue., NBC)	11.1
2 <i>NCIS</i> (CBS)(r)	8.8
3 <i>Celebrity Family Feud</i> (ABC)	8.3
4 <i>NCIS: New Orleans</i> (CBS)(r)	7.4
5 <i>60 Minutes</i> (CBS)(r)	7.2
6 <i>Big Brother</i> (Wed., CBS)	6.9
6 <i>Dateline</i> (NBC)	6.9
8 <i>The Bachelorette</i> (ABC)	6.6
9 <i>Big Brother</i> (Thu., CBS)	6.4
10 <i>Under the Dome</i> (CBS)	6.2
* <i>Blue Bloods</i> (CBS)(r)	6.2
* <i>NCIS: Los Angeles</i> (CBS)(r)	6.2
13 <i>Am. Ninja Warrior</i> (NBC)	6.0
14 <i>48 Hours</i> (CBS)(r)	5.9
* <i>America Got Talent</i> (Wed., NBC)(r)	5.9
16 <i>Soccer: China/USA</i> (Fox)(s)	5.7
17 <i>Big Brother</i> (Sun., CBS)	5.6
18 <i>Criminal Minds</i> (CBS)	5.3
19 <i>I Can Do That</i> (NBC)	4.9
* <i>Dateline</i> (NBC)	4.9

CABLE TOP 10

Janet Jackson, with Jimmy Jam, is a BET Icon. CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION, VIA AP

Viewers (millions)

1 <i>BET Awards</i> (BET) Sun., 8:00	6.3
2 <i>Teen Beach 2</i> (Disney) Fri., 8:00	5.8
3 <i>USA/Columbia</i> (FS1) Mon., 7:39	4.7
4 <i>Major Crimes</i> (TNT) Mon., 9:00	4.2
5 <i>Rizzoli & Isles</i> (TNT) Tue., 9:00	4.0
6 <i>WWE Raw</i> (USA) Mon., 10:00	3.8
7 <i>Alaskan Bush People</i> (Discovery) Fri., 9:00	3.7
8 <i>WWE Raw</i> (USA) Mon., 9:00	3.6
* <i>WWE Raw</i> (USA) Mon., 8:00	3.6
10 <i>Best Friends</i> (Disney) Fri., 9:55	3.5

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Rappers turn viral success into legit hits

Patrick Ryan
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USA TODAY

Some of the year’s smash hits are only six seconds long. Well, not actually, but that’s

how most people are hearing them. On social app Vine, users create quick, digestible videos that are viewed on endless loops — a shareable format that musicians such as Shawn Mendes have translated into millions of fans and chart-topping success.

Up-and-coming rappers Silento, T-Wayne and Chedda Da Connect have exploded on the platform this summer with clips that don’t even feature them but instead are user-generated dance videos and funny “memes” incorporating short snippets of their songs.

“There are a lot of people in hip-hop who are understanding that when these things are taking off, they want to point people to it, like ‘Hey, look how cool it is that somebody is using my song to make these remakes,’” says Jason Mante, Vine’s head of user

experience. Even more so, “people are looking to Vine as this legitimate source (for) the inside scoop on what the next hot thing is going to be, whether that is a hip-hop song or a folk act or even just somebody with musical sensibilities.”

USA TODAY talks to three of these viral stars to get the lowdown on their hip-hop hits.

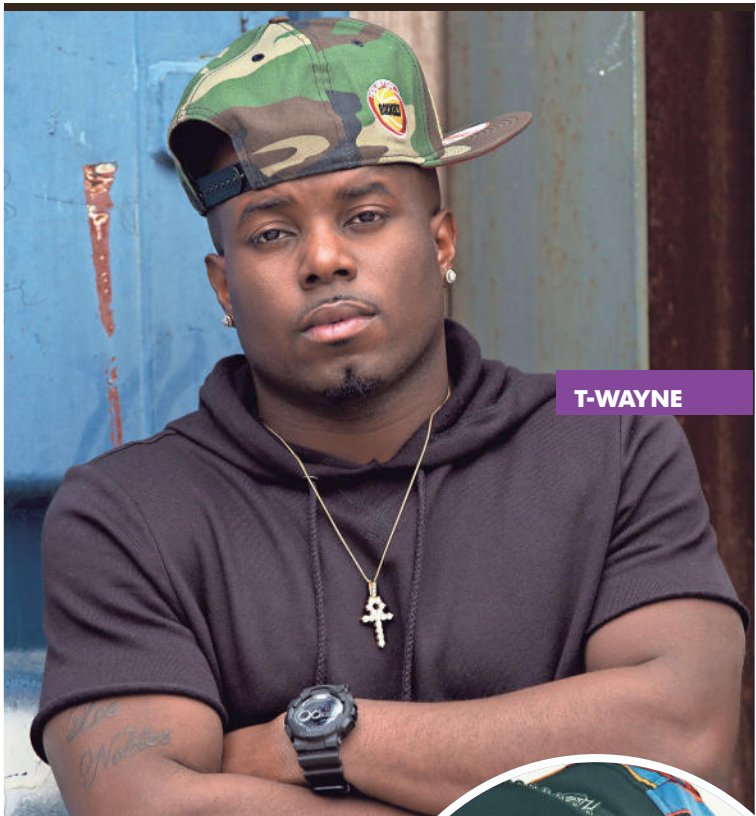
SILENTO, WATCH ME (WHIP / NAE NAE)

- 517,000 downloads sold, according to Nielsen SoundScan
- 175 million+ YouTube views
- No. 11 peak on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart


STORY BEHIND THE SONG: At just 17 years old, Atlanta rapper Silento has remarkable intuition. Integrating the “whip” and “nae nae” dances into viral hit *Watch Me*, “I knew it was going to (take off),” Silento (real name: Ricky Hawk) says. “I already had my predictions and they were just coming true.” In high school, he would regularly entertain his classmates in the cafeteria at lunchtime, which one day inspired his breakout single’s “watch me” refrain. Once he had the hook, he went into the studio with Bolo Da Producer, where they created a beat and recorded the song in less than an hour.

Silento performed the hit on *Good Morning America* and the BET Awards last week and is in the studio. Although he’ll be hitting the books again as a senior this fall, “it was an awesome opportunity making this song and having it where I can go back to school and people can be like, ‘Wow, you did it.’”


FAVORITE VINE: “When the man jumped out of the car and jumped on a truck in traffic.”



T-WAYNE



SILENTO



CHEDDA DA CONNECT

SILENTO BY BRIAN CRUMB; T-WAYNE BY SEHER SIKANDER; CHEDDA DA CONNECT BY CHAD GRIFFITH

T-WAYNE NASTY FREESTYLE

- 753,000 downloads sold
- 110 million+ YouTube views
- No. 9 peak on the Hot 100

STORY BEHIND THE SONG: T-Wayne was sick of chasing trends. After graduating high school and quitting his food-service jobs nearly a decade ago, he uploaded dozens of songs and videos to YouTube, but few of them ever gained much traction. So in April, while recording a mixtape, he spontaneously rapped what would become *Nasty Freestyle* and posted it online. Before then, “I’d be like, ‘I need to do this video because this is probably what everyone else is going to be into,’” Houston native Tyshon Nobles, 24, says. But with *Nasty*, “I was like, ‘I don’t care what anybody else thinks at this point.’”

The devil-may-care attitude paid off. With the help of a dance video he posted to YouTube, the song’s NSFW opening lines became a meme on Vine, and *Nasty* shot up the Hot 100 in a matter of weeks. Now, “just to see how many people recognize me when I go to the airport or something — sometimes I forget that I’m actually known, it shocks me,” he says. His most star-struck encounter was with Drake recently, when the rapper “told me congratulations on my success. I was extra-excited. I didn’t know what to say to him.”

FAVORITE VINE: “The (one) where the little kid is like, ‘First, let me hop out the (expletive) Porsche.’”

CHEDDA DA CONNECT FLICKA DA WRIST

- 174,000 downloads sold
- 20 million+ YouTube views
- No. 94 peak on the Hot 100

STORY BEHIND THE SONG: Talk about organic Chedda. Freestyling over a beat that producer Fred On Em made in the studio late one night, “everything just came together naturally,” the Houston rapper (aka Courtney Milburn, 29) says. Recording the hook that night and his verse a few weeks later, he released *Flicka Da Wrist* and instantly started seeing it blow up on Vine and Instagram. The song has since been remixed by Rick Ross, 2 Chainz and Fetty Wap, but it got its most famous endorsement when Tyga posted a Snapchat of him and Justin Bieber dancing to it at Rihanna’s Met Ball party in May.

In the wake of its success, Chedda will release a single with Future and is working on an album, expected this August. Naturally, he feels the heat after coming out so strong on his first try. “It’s a lot of pressure because you don’t know what song to go with next and what (people) might like next,” he says. But “I’m just going to give them that energy they want. I like the challenge. It just makes me fight harder.”

FAVORITE VINE: “There’s a few of them. I like the Spider-Man one. I like the dudes in the desert. (And) especially the Rihanna one.”

After this ‘Terminator,’ you may not be back

‘Genisys’ creates confusion, and even worse, boredom

Terminator used to be a sci-fi franchise defined by its cool time-travel concept and even better special effects. Unfortunately, it’s “Hasta la vista, baby” to those good old days. Constant confusion and intermittent boredom are on tap in *Terminator Genisys*, a movie as ridiculous as its subtitle’s spelling. Director Alan Taylor (*Thor: The Dark World*) tries to relaunch the series that James Cameron began, though Cameron seems to be the only one with the golden touch. The only thing watchable in *Genisys* is elder statesman Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The new film is wholly derivative from the start, running down the apocalyptic scenario of global defense system Skynet getting a mind of its own and wiping out most of humanity.

John Connor (Jason Clarke), leader of the human resistance, seemingly wins the day over the machines in 2027 but sends his soldier buddy Kyle Reese (Jai Courtney) back to 1984 to keep an assassin Terminator from killing John’s mom and preventing him from being born.

If you’ve seen the original *Terminator*, you know how that goes. But something squiffy happens as Kyle is getting teleported, and he ends up in an alternate timeline where Sarah Connor (Emilia Clarke) is waiting for him with a loyal Terminator named “Pops” (Schwarzenegger).

It’s best not to think too much about who’s coming from where and how the time-space continuum works, because it’s all nonsensical. The truest piece of dialogue is when someone sighs, “Time travel makes my head hurt.”

The best twist has already been ruined in trailers — let’s just say the villain may be state-of-the-art but he doesn’t have the same bru-



TERMINATOR GENISYS
★☆☆☆

STARS Arnold Schwarzenegger, Emilia Clarke, Jai Courtney
DIRECTOR Alan Taylor
RATING PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and gunplay, partial nudity and brief strong language
RUNNING TIME 2 hours, 5 minutes
Opens Wednesday

MELINDA SUE GORDON, PARAMOUNT PICTURES
Sarah Connor (Emilia Clarke) the Terminator (Arnold Schwarzenegger) and Kyle Reese (Jai Courtney) do some jumping around in time.

tal relentlessness as Schwarzenegger in the original *Terminator* or Robert Patrick’s liquid-cool T-1000 in the sequel.

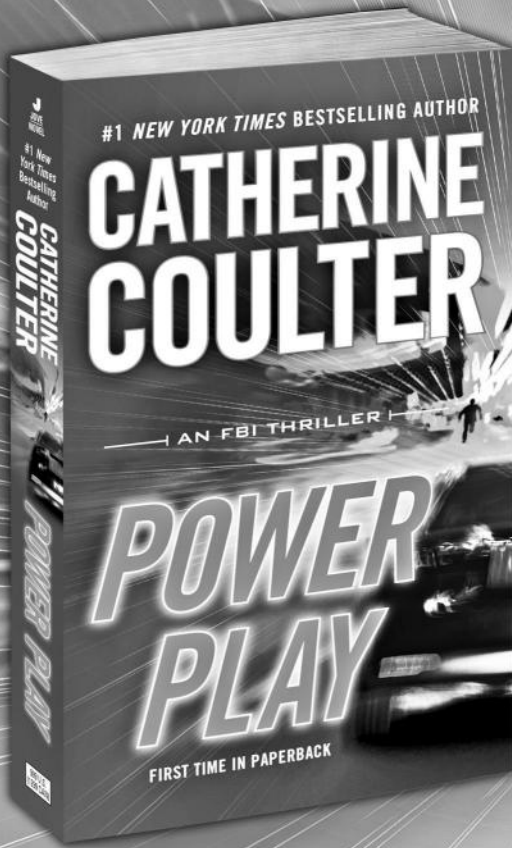
Clarke is caught between Linda Hamilton’s waitress-in-distress from the first film and the warrior woman in the second, never owning the role outright. J.K. Simmons is wasted in a cop role that begs to be larger, and a mysterious but barely used character played by Matt Smith is arguably the most interesting player.

No *Terminator* movie should ever be boring, yet the action scenes drone on for too long, and none wows as much as the most average scene from *Terminator 2*.

Schwarzenegger is the best special effect here, breaking out the catchphrases and providing muscular nostalgia. But next time he declares “I’ll be back,” the response should be “No thanks.”

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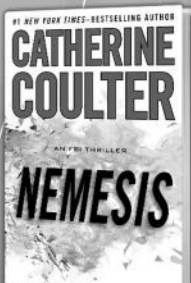
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‘Crusade’ branches into heartbreak territory

The Children's Crusade, Ann Packer's absorbing novel about a California family, is suffused with parental love. Not the baby-powder-smell-and-miracle-of-life kind, but the accepting, cherishing substratum beneath daily snotty noses and endless lunch-making kind — and in turn, the love of children for their parents: demanding, scrutinizing, helpless. The love that in its presence, or absence, shapes a family.

A mother's determination to re-create herself as an artist provides the drama, but the heart of the story comes from the father. Bill Blair is a doctor who re-trains as a pediatrician because after two years in the Korean War he can identify a gunshot wound just from the sound of the groaning.

He then becomes a wise, loving father who is extraordinarily attuned to his four wildly different kids. He's upright, patient,

THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE ★★★
Ann Packer
Scribner 432 pp.

thoughtful and sensitive — too much so, really, but let it slide — except when it comes to connecting with his wife, Penny.

Penny Blair's story is one shared by many women in the 1970s, when much of the novel is set: A woman who has grown up believing that marriage and motherhood would bring happiness discovers that is far, far from the case. She takes what to her are necessary steps to find purpose and fulfillment as an artist. She takes over a storage shed at the edge of the family property, turns it into her studio and gradually spends more and more time there.

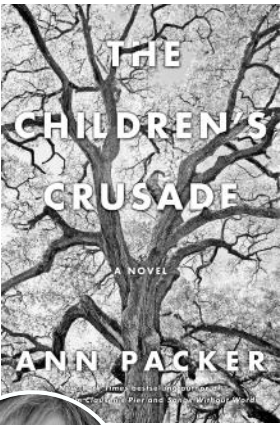
“You can have an idea that is so important, you have to act on it or you'll ... you'll die,” she tells her family. “What good would I be to

you if I began to shrivel? I have to keep myself alive so I can help you live. It's not just doctors who do that.”

If we're not as sympathetic to Penny's desperate drive as we might be, it's because she doesn't appear to be conflicted about emotionally dumping her children, kids whom Packer shows are interesting, lovable and resourceful. The novel really centers on Robert, Rebecca, Ryan and James, whose odd-man-out status is confirmed by his lack of a name that begins with “R.” It

is their bafflement, grief and anger as they are confronted with her disappearance that is foremost.

The framing device of the book is the adult James' return home to tell his siblings, still settled in Palo Alto, that he wants the four of them to sell the family home, which they have hung onto after their father's death. A large, loud, wild child, James “often caught himself partway through a statement or action only to realize that continuing might mean undesirable consequences. Typically this happened too late to abort the whole thing but too early to proceed without feeling guilty or stupid. This annoyed him greatly.”



ELENA SEIBERT
Packer tells a family story.

He grows up with a belief in his own unworthiness and a hunger to belong, whether it's to the Benedictine monks who run a nearby boarding school or an “intentional community,” a kind of non-residential commune, in Oregon.

Like the California live oak tree in the Blair family's yard, a symbol to Bill of potential happiness, the novel spreads its branches widely. Each of the four siblings narrates a chapter. The three older siblings end up as a physician, a psychoanalyst and a teacher, and we meet spouses, children, colleagues and tenants.

The book's best parts are those about the Blairs as children who navigate with and around each other and the world. They angle for their parents' attention, try to manage emotional currents they can sense but not understand. It's those fully formed heartbreaking portrayals that makes the troubles of the siblings as adults, and James' ultimate fate, so moving.

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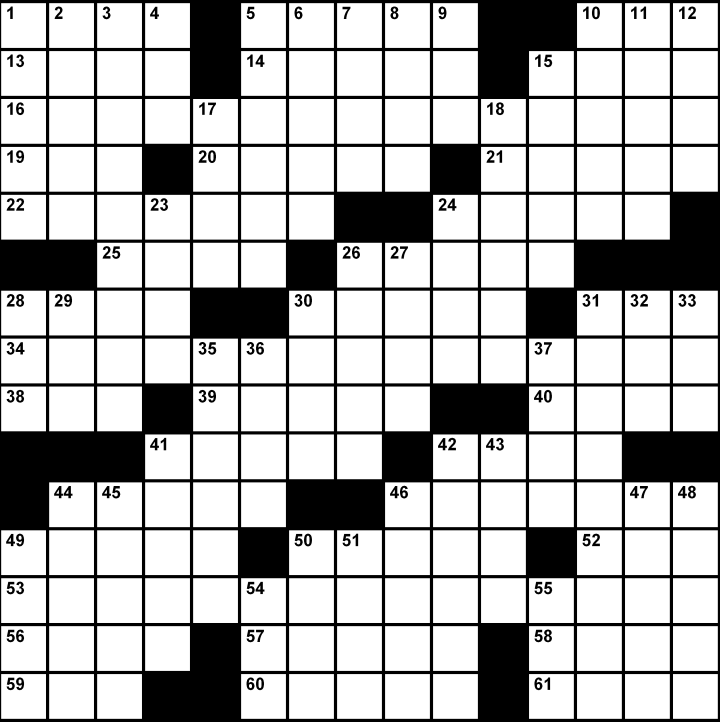
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- Black-and-white whale
 - Prepared fancily
 - “SNL” network
 - “About the author” pieces
 - Sign on a lavatory
 - Greasy
 - Surprises for batters
 - Mischievous creature
 - Rodeo needs
 - Bank job
 - Try to find
 - Certain exams
 - “___ of Eden”
 - Dangerous element
 - Shortened version, for short
 - Eyelashes
 - Baseball’s DiMaggio
 - Defeat soundly (with “of”)
 - Always, to Poe
 - Gofers
 - Damon of films
 - Dutch genre painter Jan
 - “Once ___ a time . . .”
 - “Animal House” grps.
 - Samovar parts
 - Baby grand, e.g.
 - That is, in Latin
 - Airport overseer, briefly
 - First to leave the blocks
 - ___ poor example
 - “Otherwise . . .”
 - European language
 - Abbr. in a marathon time
 - Batik workers
 - Battery fluid
- DOWN**
- Double-reed instruments
 - M-1, for one
 - Joe gets drunk regularly here
 - Balaam’s mount
 - Become extinct
 - Lacking skill
 - Surfer’s sobriquet, sometimes
 - Daily delivery orgs.
 - Last name in architecture
 - Nothing, to Nero
 - Grace word
 - Dermatologist’s concern
 - Arctic, for one
 - Some Olympians, nowadays
 - Sore spot, sometimes
 - Go-___
 - Father of Balder
 - Mature, as a mango
 - “Ah, me!”
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 - Frequently, in poetry
 - Terrestrial amphibian
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 - Balsa vessels
 - Man of La Mancha
 - Anklebones
 - Filled
 - Fancy-schmancy
 - In doubt
 - Enjoy a banquet



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49 Fancy-schmancy

50 In doubt

51 Enjoy a banquet

54 Come to the rescue

55 Oolong, for one

Tuesday's Answer

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WORD ROUNDUP

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle:

- _____ salad
- Three words with OO in the middle
- Two continental neighbors
- _____ in “Sleepless in Seattle”
- Social network with a bird logo

Tuesday's answer: MOVE SAVE COVE WAVE DOVE DIVE LIVE
FIVE GIVE GAVE / ROBERT REDFORD / BILLY JOEL / BEIGE
BLUE / METER

QUICKCROSS

By John Wilmes

Typography size

Goofs up

Ark builder

Initial stake

Elizabeth of “Lone Star”

(Wrought [?] fist)

Auto or demo suffix

Tennis great Arthur

Tuesday's Answer

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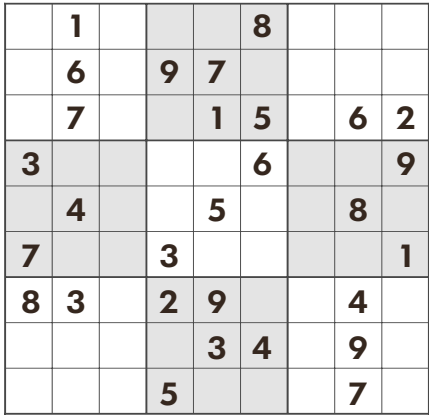
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UP & DOWN WORDS

By David L. Hoyt and Russell L. Hoyt

1. MARY

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

Clues:

1. “Frankenstein” author
2. She played Diane on “Cheers”
3. Far away by now
4. Sign an angler might leave
5. Cord that can be cast
6. Hard-hit baseball
7. Operate your vehicle sensibly

Tuesday's Answer

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Across

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7. 797836
8. 886372
10. 379
11. 393

Down

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3. 3339
4. 43289283
5. 9276
6. 938
7. 78669
9. 423

Today's theme: Weather

Use the phone keypad to decode the clues. For example: 2 could be A, B or C... and 56/78 could be LOST

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DON'T QUOTE ME

Actor Seth Rogen talks about how he chose his career.

Rearrange the words to complete the quote.

COULD FUNNY JOB REALIZED SOON WANTED WAS

AS _____ AS I _____ YOU _____ BE _____

AS A _____, THAT _____ THE JOB I _____

Tuesday's Answer: “Being an optimist after you’ve got everything you want doesn’t count.” - Kin Hubbard

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SCREEN CHECK

An alien helps Tip (Rihanna) find her mother in *Home*.
DREAMWORKS ANIMATION



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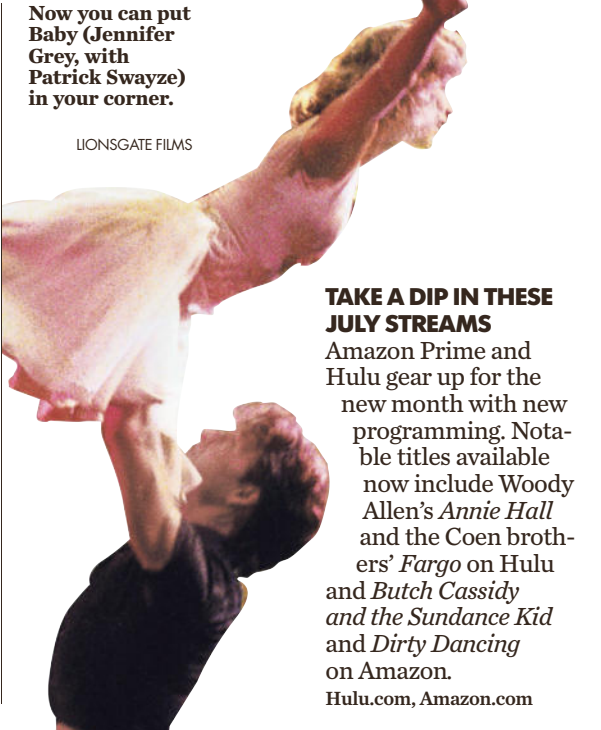
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Martin Sheen gathers the herds in *All Creatures*.

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Channel: Funny or Die
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Channel: MTV on YouTube
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OPERATION WILD
PBS, 8 ET/PT (TIMES MAY VARY)
Tuesday, CBS premiered *Zoo*, its series about a plot by animals to take revenge and take over the world. Sunday, Discovery and Nat Geo Wild launch their competing sharkathons, *Shark Week* and *SharkFest*, a solid week of programs that work by convincing us we’re all just one dip in the ocean away from being chum. So as an antidote, spend time with PBS’ new *Operation Wild*, which follows veterinary teams around the globe as they struggle to save animals’ lives — some of which, no doubt, are at risk because of us. Just a reminder, in the face of *Zoo*’s rampaging lions and Discovery’s chomping sharks, that the most dangerous animal on Earth is still the one behind the camera.



BBC/PBS

Veterinarians helped an elephant in Laos recover from an infected leg.

EXTANT
CBS, 10 ET/PT
Halle Berry is back in *Extant*, facing new problems and with a new co-star. Tonight, Molly (Berry) escapes from a psychiatric hospital to investigate a series of odd, alien-ish deaths — with the aid of a cop played by Jeffrey Dean Morgan.



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Mr. Robot (Christian Slater) wants Elliot (Rami Malek) to join him.

MR. ROBOT
USA, 10 ET/PT
Robot is off to a shockingly strong start, thanks to some sharp writing and a breakout performance by Rami Malek. Let’s hope the momentum sustains in an episode scheduled to run over about 7 minutes — something to remember if you have a recorder that won’t catch the change on its own.

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NETWORK								
ABC	The Middle. (HD)	The Goldbergs. (HD)	Modern Family. (HD)	Black-ish. (HD)	Celebrity Wife Swap. Margaret Cho; Holly Robinson Peete. (N) (HD)		Local news.	Kimmel. Liev Schreiber; Ronda Rousey. (N) (HD)
CBS	Big Brother. Someone can be saved from eviction. (N) (HD)		Criminal Minds. A bombing in a coffee shop. (HD)	Extant. (Season Premiere) Molly escapes from a mental hospital. (N) (HD)		Local news.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.	
Fox	MasterChef. Making a three-layer birthday cake. (N) (HD)		Bullseye. Bullseye Car Roll and Semi Spin. (N) (HD)	Local news and programming.				
NBC	America's Got Talent. Audition highlights. (N) (HD)		American Ninja Warrior. New obstacles include Tire Swing. (HD)				Local news.	Fallon. Actor Jason Statham. (HD)
PBS	Operation Wild. (N)		First Peoples. Ancient humans who lived across Asia. (N) (HD)				Charlie Rose. (N) (HD)	
CW	Arrow. A body is found in the Wildcat gym.		Supernatural. (HD)		Local programming.			
ION	Ghost Whisperer. (HD)		Ghost Whisperer. (HD)		Ghost Whisperer. (HD)		Ghost Whisperer. Mysterious woman.	
Telemundo	Avenida Brasil. (N)		Tierra de Reyes. (N)		El Señor de los Cielos. (N)		Al Rojo Vivo. (N)	Titulares y Más
Univision	Amores con Trampa. (N)		Lo Imperdonable.		Que te Perdones Dios... Yo No. (N)		Impacto Extra.	Noticiero Uni.
CABLE								
A&E	Duck Dynasty.	Duck Dynasty.	Duck Dynasty.	Duck Dynasty. (N)	Country Buck\$. (N)	Country Buck\$. (N)	Duck Dynasty.	Duck Dynasty.
ABC Family	Melissa & Joey. (N)	Baby Daddy. (N)	Step Up. (Starts 9:02) With Channing Tatum, Jenna Dewan. (2006)			The 700 Club.		
AHC	The American Revolution.		The American Revolution.		The American Revolution.		The American Revolution.	
AMC	Back to the Future. (From 7:30) With Michael J. Fox. (1 hr. 56 mins.) (1985)				Back to the Future Part II. With Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. (1989)			
Animal Planet	Wild Amazon.		Eating Giants: Hippo.		Drug Kingpin Hippos.		Wild Amazon.	
BBC America	The Terminator. With Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton. (1 hr. 48 mins.) (1984)					The Terminator. With Arnold Schwarzenegger. (1984)		
BET	Baby Boy. (From 7:00) With Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. (2001)				The Game.	Frankie and Neffe.	Frankie and Neffe.	BET Post Show.
Bravo	Million Dollar Listing New York.		Million Dollar Listing New York.		Flipping Out. (Season Premiere) (N)		Million Dollar Listing New York.	
Cartoon	King of the Hill.	King of the Hill.	Bob's Burgers.	Cleveland Show.	American Dad.	American Dad.	Family Guy.	Family Guy.
CMT	Reba.	Reba.	Party Down South.		Party Down South.		Cops Reloaded.	Cops Reloaded.
CNBC	Shark Tank.		Shark Tank.		Consumed: The Real Restaurant.		Shark Tank.	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360. (N)		Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown.		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon. (N)		Anderson Cooper 360.	
Comedy	South Park.	South Park.	South Park.	South Park.	South Park.	South Park.	Daily Show.	The Nightly Show.
Destination America	Ring of Honor Wrestling (N)		IMPACT Wrestling (N)					
Discovery	Alaskan Bush People.		Alaskan Bush People. The Brown boys work a demolition job.					
Disney	Austin & Ally.	K.C. Undercover.	Zapped. With Zendaya, Spencer Boldman. (2014)			Mickey Mouse.	I Didn't Do It.	Dog with a Blog.
DisXD	Kirby Buckets. (N)	Mighty Med. (N)	Lab Rats: Bio.		Doctor Who.	Kirby Buckets.	Mighty Med.	Lab Rats: Bio.
E!	Botched. (N)	Magic Mike. A male stripper takes a young upstart under his wing. With Channing Tatum. (2012)						
Esquire	American Ninja Warrior.		Car Matchmaker. (N)	Car Matchmaker.	Car Matchmaker.	Car Matchmaker.	American Ninja Warrior.	
Fox News	The O'Reilly Factor. (N)		The Kelly File. (N)		Hannity. (N)		The O'Reilly Factor.	
Food	Mystery Diners.	Mystery Diners.	Mystery Diners.	Mystery Diners. (N)	Restaurants.	Diners, Drive.	Diners, Drive.	Diners, Drive.
FX	21 Jump Street. Young cops go under cover as high-school students. With Jonah Hill. (2012)							
FXX	After Earth. With Jaden Smith, Will Smith. (1 hr. 39 mins.) (2013)				After Earth. With Jaden Smith, Will Smith. (1 hr. 39 mins.) (2013)			
GSN	Skin Wars.		Skin Wars. Art that's good enough to eat.		Idiotest.		Family Feud.	Family Feud.
Hallmark	The Waltons.		The Middle.	The Middle.	The Middle.	The Middle.	The Golden Girls.	The Golden Girls.
HGTV	Most Desperate.	Most Desperate.	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling. (N)		House Hunters. (N)	Hunters Int'l.	Property Brothers.	
History	American Pickers.		American Pickers.		Alone. Wolves and bears cause problems.		American Pickers.	
H2	Ancient Aliens.		Ancient Aliens.		Ancient Aliens.		In Search of Aliens.	
HLN	Nancy Grace. (N)		Dr. Drew. (N)		Forensic Files.	Forensic Files.	Forensic Files.	Forensic Files.
ID	48 Hours on ID.		Blood Relatives. (N)		The Perfect Murder. (N)		48 Hours on ID.	
IFC	Ghost Rider. A motorcycle stuntman is a supernatural agent of vengeance. With Nicolas Cage. (2007)							
Lifetime	Celebrity Wife Swap.		Celebrity Wife Swap.		Hoarders: Family Secrets.		Hoarders: Family Secrets.	
MSNBC	All In with Chris Hayes. (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show. (N)		The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell.		All In with Chris Hayes.	
MTV	Scream.		Catfish: The TV Show.		Catfish: The TV Show.		Scream.	
Nat. Geo.	Alaska State Troopers.		Alaska State Troopers. (N)		Yukon Gold. (N)		Alaska State Troopers.	
Nick	Full House.	Full House.	Full House.	Full House.	Fresh Prince.	Fresh Prince.	Friends.	Friends.
OWN	20/20 on OWN.		20/20 on OWN.		Dateline on OWN.		20/20 on OWN.	
Oxygen	Prancing Elites.	Of Hip Hop.	Prancing Elites.	Player Gets Played. (N)	Prancing Elites.		Snapped.	
Science	How It's Made.	How It's Made.	How It's Made.	How-Made.	How It's Made.	How-Made.	How It's Made.	How It's Made.
Spike	Snitch. A man infiltrates a drug cartel to save his son from prison. With Dwayne Johnson. (2013)							
Sundance	Two for the Money.		Tenderness. (Starts 8:45) A detective investigates a murder. With Russell Crowe, Laura Dern. (2008)		Deutschland 83. (N)			
Syfy	Jumper. (From 7:00) (1 hr. 28 mins.) (2008)		Déjà Vu. A time-folding agent falls in love with a murder victim. With Denzel Washington. (2006)		Solaris. (2002)			
TBS	Big Bang Theory.	Big Bang Theory.	Big Bang Theory.	Big Bang Theory.	Big Bang Theory.	Big Bang Theory.	Conan.	
TCM	Jeremiah Johnson. With Robert Redford, Will Geer. (1 hr. 47 mins.) (1972)		Little Big Man. With Dustin Hoffman, Faye Dunaway. (2 hrs. 30 mins.) (1970)					
TLC	Born Without Limbs.		The 8-Limbed Boy.		Diagnose Me. A woman has seizures.		The 8-Limbed Boy.	
TNT	Castle. Castle and Beckett grow closer.		Castle. A murdered lottery winner.		Castle. Investigating a friend of Castle's.		CSI: NY. Interstate trucking ring.	
Travel	Trip Flip. (N)	Trip Flip. (N)	Food Paradise International.		Man Finds Food.	Man Finds Food.	BBQ Crawl.	BBQ Crawl. (N)
TruTV	Carbonaro Effect.	Carbonaro Effect.	Carbonaro Effect.	Carbonaro Effect.	Carbonaro Effect.	Carbonaro Effect.	Carbonaro Effect.	Carbonaro Effect.
TV Land	How I Met/Mother.		How I Met/Mother.		Everybody Loves Raymond.		The King of Queens.	
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.		Suits. Harvey searches for a replacement.		Mr. Robot. Elliot is torn. (N)		Complications.	
VH1	Love Don't Cost a Thing. (From 7:30) With Nick Cannon. (1 hr. 41 mins.) (2003)				Drumline: A New Beat. With Alexandra Shipp, Leonard Roberts. (2014)			
WE	Law & Order.		Law & Order.		Law & Order.		Law & Order. Execution witnesses cope.	
Weather	Secrets of the Earth.		Strangest Weather.		Strangest Weather.	Strangest Weather.	Strangest Weather.	Strangest Weather.
WGN America	America's Funniest Home Videos. (HD)		How I Met/Mother.		How I Met/Mother.	How I Met/Mother.	How I Met/Mother.	How I Met/Mother.
MOVIE NETWORKS								
Cinemax	Her. (From 7:50) A man falls in love with his computer's operating system. With Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams. (1 hr. 59 mins.) (2013)				Wish I Was Here. A struggling actor finds himself at an emotional crossroads. With Zach Braff, Kate Hudson. (1 hr. 47 mins.) (2014)			
Encore	A River Runs Through It. Minister's sons grow up different, fly-fishing in Montana. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt. (2 hrs. 3 mins.) (1992)				Pretty in Pink. (Starts 10:05) A poor eclectic teen is romanced by a wealthy classmate. With Molly Ringwald. (1986)		Very Bad Things. (Starts 11:45) (1998)	
FXM	Chasing Mavericks. A surfer goes to ride a famous northern California wave. With Gerard Butler, Jonny Weston. (1 hr. 55 mins.) (2012)					Chasing Mavericks. A surfer goes to ride a famous northern California wave. With Gerard Butler. (1 hr. 55 mins.) (2012)		
HBO	John Wick. An ex-assassin hunts down the gangsters who ruined his life. With Keanu Reeves. (2014)			Jurassic World: HBO First Look.	True Detective.		Real Time with Bill Maher. Political analyst Michael Eric Dyson.	
HMM	Expecting a Miracle. (From 7:00) With Jason Priestley, Teri Polo. (2009)		Kiss at Pine Lake. A man rekindles an old romance while trying to save a camp. With Barry Watson, Mia Kirshner. (1 hr. 30 mins.) (2012)				Murder, She Wrote. A Paris club owner's death.	
Lifetime Movie	Kids Behind Bars: Maximum Security. Indiana's Wabash Correctional Facility.		Monster in My Family. (Series Premiere) Melissa Moore tells her story. (N)		My Uncle Is the Green River Killer. Serial killer Gary Ridgeway.			
Showtime	Penny Dreadful. Vanessa goes alone to battle Evelyn.		60 Minutes Sports. (N)		Happyish. Thom writes a story.	Nurse Jackie.	60 Minutes Sports.	
Starz	About Last Night. (From 7:15) With Kevin Hart, Michael Ealy. (2014)		Whiplash. A young musician struggles to make it as a top jazz drummer. With Miles Teller, J.K. Simmons. (1 hr. 46 mins.) (2014)			Power. (iTV) Ghost struggles to maintain control.		
TMC	Last Vegas. Four aging pals go to Las Vegas to relive their glory days. With Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro. (1 hr. 44 mins.) (2013)				Delivery Man. A former sperm donor discovers that he fathered hundreds. With Vince Vaughn, Chris Pratt. (1 hr. 45 mins.) (2013)			
SPORTS NETWORKS								
ESPN	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. (N) (Live)				Baseball Tonight. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter. (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	Nomination.		NFL Live.		Soccer: Friendly – Mexico vs Honduras. From NRG Stadium in Houston. (N) (Live)		ESPN FC. (N)	
ESPNU	Track and Field.		Women's College Gymnastics. From Fort Worth, Texas.					
FS1	2015 FIFA Women's World Cup.		Fox Sports Live. (N) (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter. (N)		Fox Sports Live. (N)	Fox Sports Live.
Golf	The Golf Fix.		Altered Course.		Altered Course.		Golf Central.	Golf Central.
MLB	MLB Tonight. Featuring live look-ins, updates, highlights, reporting and analysis. (N) (Live)							
NBA	Free Agent Fever.						NBA GameTime. (N)	NBA GameTime.
NBCSports	NASCAR Classics.		NASCAR Racing: K&N Series.					
NFLN	The Top 100 Players of 2015.		The Top 100 Players of 2015. (N)		Top - Reactions.	Sound FX.	NFL Total Access.	